

New agreement averts strike threat

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

Negotiators from the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties and the State System of Higher Education reached a tentative, three-year agreement today which brings to an end two years of negotiations which could have led to a state-wide faculty strike.

According to a release dated January 24, 1997 from Kevin Kodish at

state APSCUF communications on the Internet, the new agreement will be retroactive until July 1, 1997 and will expire on June 30, 1999 if it is accepted by both APSCUF and SSHE.

"This settlement is fair to faculty and is in the best interest of present and future state system students," said James H. McCormick, State System Chancellor, after review of the tentative agreement.

According to the release, Dr. James White, APSCUF president, said that details of the tentative agreement

will not be made public until after the association's membership has been informed of the contents.

"APSCUF is satisfied that the tentative agreement contains contract language which is acceptable to both sides," Dr. White said. "In the end, both parties were reasonable and expressed a strong commitment to reaching a settlement insuring that the State System's 93,700 students could continue their education uninterrupted."

According to the release, Dr. White said that APSCUF will present the

total package to the union's rank-and-file membership at the 14 State System universities as soon as possible.

According to the release, following, APSCUF's consideration of the tentative agreement, the Board of Governors for the State System will vote on ratification.

Last November, APSCUF received permission to have a state-wide vote of all union members on whether or not to have a strike which, if approved, would have meant that around 90 percent of Mansfield professors would not have been able to teach.

Mountie Nate Gibson named All-American

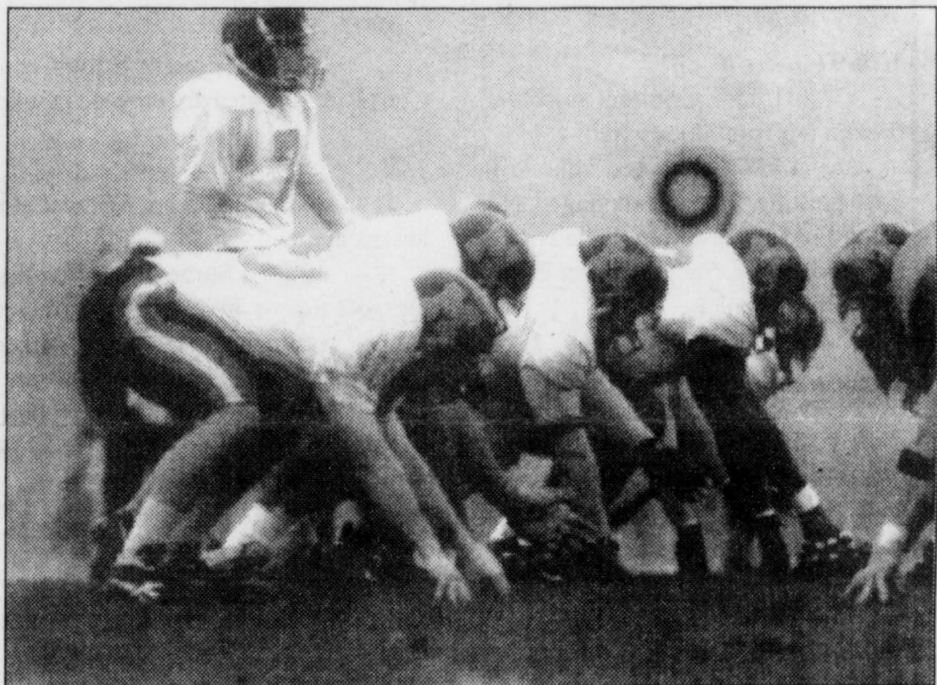


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Nate Gibson, fourth from left, prepares for another play at practice. Gibson was recently named an All-American athlete.

by Jackie Williams
staff reporter

In a season speckled by many disappointments for the Mansfield Moun-

taineer football team, personal success could easily have been overshadowed. Despite the struggles of the team around him, MU senior center Nate Gibson has established himself as one of the best at his position in NCAA Division II competition.

On January 9, Gibson was named to the 1996 *Football Gazette* Division II All-American team. The *Football Gazette* is a national weekly publication for NCAA Division I-AA, II, III, and NAIA Divisions I and II.

At 6'5" and 305 pounds, Gibson was just one of four centers selected by a combination of head coaches, sports information directors and sports-writers from around the country.

Gibson's place as an All-American comes riding on the heels of All-PSAC East, All-ECAC South and CoSIDA All-Regional first team honors.

According to Mountaineer Assistant Head Coach Barry Pettyjohn, raw physical ability and hard work is at the core of Gibson's success.

"Nate is a big guy, but he has an ability to move his body that most players his size don't have," Pettyjohn said. "He has also worked hard on his technique the last couple of years to get better."

When Gibson first came to MU he was a good player, but not one of All-American status. He was young, inexperienced and had not developed the proper work ethic.

"My first two years of college, I didn't really push myself," Gibson said. "I dreamt my whole life of it, but I didn't

think I could do it. But then a couple of people started telling me I could have a chance at something big. So, after my junior year, I started to really push myself."

Last summer, Gibson ran two to three times a day, started a concentrated weight-lifting program and began watching his diet. The results showed immediately. He lost weight and was a pre-season All-American selection. Mansfield's coaching staff looked to Gibson to make space in the middle for the running game and to protect the freshman quarterback behind him.

Gibson performed well the whole season and drew the eyes of NFL scouts. Now he is on the draft boards of numerous NFL teams. He is represented by Alan Herman of Sportstars, the same agent that represented John Mobley, formerly of Kutztown University, now with the Denver Broncos.

Gibson could play in the NFL because of his size and quickness, but nothing is guaranteed. Since the day the season ended he has been working on getting stronger to improve his chances.

"It's going to be an uphill battle all the way for Nate just because he is from a small school," said Pettyjohn.

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Possible super-building may be in future of university

by Thomas A. Jones
staff reporter

Belknap Hall and Retan Center are currently being examined by an independent contractor in order to determine whether to renovate the buildings or replace them with one massive building complex being hailed as a "super-building."

"Right now an architect is doing a feasibility study. It will determine how we can best use our academic facilities," said Rod Kelchner, Mansfield University president.

It was decided that before any decision on building a more efficient facility was made, an architect should examine the facilities in question and recommend a course of action.

Director of Physical Plant Operations Benjamin Jones stressed that there is nothing wrong with the buildings as they are now.

"There is definitely going to be a project to either improve those buildings or put something better in their place," Jones said. "This feasibility study is for academics. We're just waiting for the architect's report."

According to Kelchner, the architect has been to MU twice and may come back to finish his report any day. However, it will be a few months before anything definite is known.

"He may say that those buildings need to be replaced, but we don't know that yet, and we won't for a couple of months," Kelchner said. "But certainly, in a few months we'll know more than we do now."



photo by Megan Sallade

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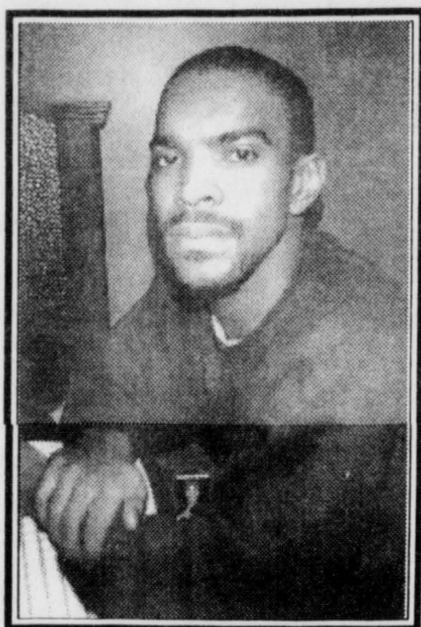
The university does have money available to renovate the buildings, it is just a matter of making sure it is necessary, Kelchner said.

"This is a big step for the university. .. We can't look down the road three years, we have to look down it 15 or 20," Kelchner said.

Campus Voices

by Brent McCallus

"Do you think a new building in place of Belknap and Retan is a good idea? Why or why not?"



Darren A. DeVoue
Junior

"No, because I am still paying for this library and we will be paying for it for awhile."



Jen Ferullo
Freshman

"If there is nothing wrong with the other buildings it is a waste of money so I guess I think it is a bad idea."



Stephanie Durkin
Sophomore

"I think it is a very good idea if it is put to good use."



Natalie Sabo
Sophomore

"I would like it better with two buildings so the departments have a sense of autonomy."

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"Players from a bigger program like Michigan get more recognition from TV exposure week in and week out."

Speaking from experience as a former NFL player, Pettyjohn cites luck and being in the right place at the right time as part of professional football's entrance exam.

"All it takes is one team to look

at you, take notice and like you enough to take a chance on you," said Pettyjohn.

Gibson looks forward to his chances in the NFL, but realizes that once there, the real work begins.

"I'm not going to be able to just go in and play," Gibson said. "Give me a year or two on a developmental squad and then I might be able to do something."

Police Beat

1/13/97

14:11 - Complainant states that unknown person(s) entered his Maple B dorm room and took a CD changer/player. No force used.

15:00 - Complainant advised when he left campus on Dec. 10, 1996 for break he left 14 CD's in his room. When he returned he found CD's were missing from room. Complainant left campus prior to his room mate.

1/15/97

20:20 - Smoke alarm on fourth floor A side. Checked floor with RA, smell of burnt popcorn in kitchen area. All 10-4 reset alarm.

1/16/97

01:55 - Criminal mischief, broken left front door window.

17:00 - Located vehicle in East parking lot with damaged rear hatch Ford Escort. Vehicle hatch was bent and sprung. Subjects never gained access to the hatch.

1/17/97

13:25 - Medical assistance at the new Recreation Center - construction worker became pinned between walls and scaffolding when scaffolding collapsed and cinder blocks from

level above victim fell on to victims legs.

15:11 - Wilson & East Lot, Tioga County advised of an motor vehicle accident involving two vehicles. Injuries reported. Both vehicles were non-driveable and the sole occupant of each vehicle was injured.

21:45 - While checking Decker, found two Hall of Fame pictures off of the wall over the entry way. One picture was busted, the other missing.

1/18/97

23:40 - Reported odor of marijuana at Cedarcrest.

1/19/97

02:25 - Fourth floor Cedar Crest R.A. reported disturbance in suite.

1/21/97

13:00 - Recreation Center, stolen decal.

12:30 - Student reported that the soft top of his vehicle, an Isuzu Amigo, was torn/cracked while parked in the field house commuter lot.

15:22 - Criminal mischief, possible entry into a locked dorm room. Nothing appeared removed.

22:00 - Fire in trash can fifth floor, Laurel A.

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James Earl Jones to speak at Mansfield University

By Chris McGann
Special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University will play host to actor James Earl Jones as part of an effort to raise money for minority scholarships.

Jones, who has starred in a number of movies and theater performances and who is best known as the voice of Darth Vader in the Star Wars films, will be speaking in Mansfield's Decker Gymnasium on April 22 at 8 p.m. He will be speaking about himself and minority issues with a question and answer period to follow.

"He prefers to answer questions rather than speak so we scheduled a question period almost as long as the speech," said MU Vice President for Development Leslie Folmer. According to MU President Rod Kelchner Folmer's position was recently created so that the

university could have a person in charge of fund raising.

"When I started this position, I wanted to find ways to attract money for minority scholarships," Folmer said. She said that a good way to do this would be to bring in notable people such as Jones.

His start came in theater in which he has earned several awards, most notably Tony awards for "The Great White Hope" and "Fences."

Jones has appeared in number of feature movies, the most recent being "Cry the Beloved Country" about Apartheid in South Africa in which he co-starred with Richard Harris. He has also appeared in "Clear and Present Danger" with Harrison Ford, "Sneakers," "Field of Dreams," "Dr. Strangelove," and "Gardens of Stone" to name a few.

He has also done television work including the "Tarzan" series in the late 1960's and more recently "Gabriel's

Fire" and "Pros and Cons." He has also done several mini-series and TV movies such as HBO's "By Dawn's Early Light," "The Vernon Johns Story," and "Roots: The Next Generation," where he portrays Roots author Alex Haley.

His deep, distinctive voice can also be heard in the sounder for CNN.

Jones holds honorary doctorates from Yale, Princeton, and Columbia. He is the recipient of the National Medal of Arts, the NAACP Hall of Fame Image Award, and the Jean Renoir Award from the Los Angeles Film Teachers Association.

Partial support for this project is provided by a Social Equality Grant from the Office of the Chancellor. This office is the governing body for the State System of Higher Education of which Mansfield is a member. Folmer is attempting to attract more money from a corporate underwriter.



TV and movie star James Earl Jones will be speaking at Mansfield April 22nd at 8 pm in Decker Gymnasium.

Allen film "Mighty Aphrodite" shown at North Hall

by Krissy Dennis
staff reporter

The Mansfield University spring film and lecture series kicked off the semester with the film the Woody Allen film Mighty Aphrodite. The film was shown to and discussed by a small group on Thursday in North Hall.

Theatre professor Dr. Andrew Longoria moderated discussion following the film.

Dr. John Ulrich, MU English professor and coordinator of the series, asked several faculty members to choose movies to show and review throughout

the semester. Because of his strong connection with theatre, Longoria chose Mighty Aphrodite which is centered around a Greek chorus.

"The film does a good job of showing theatre," Longoria said. "The more you understand Greek theatre the funnier it is."

The film centered around the ideas of change and love.

It follows the main character Lenny and his quest to find his adopted son's mother and change her life.

Lenny takes matters into his own hands and eventually manipulates the life of Linda Ash. Linda, whose stage name is "Judy Cum," is unaware that

Lenny is the adopted father of her son.

Lenny thinks that he better change Linda's lifestyle in case his son ever decides to search for his real mother.

While Lenny is busy molding Linda, his relationship with his wife is in trouble.

"The women in his films become more independent as the film goes on," Longoria said.

The film was punctuated by the appearance of a Greek chorus, who interjected to advise the meddling Lenny.

"What Woody (Allen) does with this film is show what Greek theatre is and could be," Longoria said. "It is intriguing the way the Greek chorus

evolves (in the film) and is like contemporary Broadway chorus."

Allen incorporates the Greek chorus into the movie and gives it a contemporary feeling.

"There never used to be any physical connection between actors and chorus," Longoria said. "When you actually see the Greek chorus progress to Broadway chorus, it makes sense."

The film was chosen because of it's is funny, contemporary and many people are aware of Allen films, Longoria said.

The next film will be shown on February 15 and will be moderated by Philosophy Professor Robert Timko.

Search for new director of admissions begins in earnest

by Joey West
staff reporter

The search for a new Mansfield University director of Admissions has begun, according to the MU Provost's office.

The chairman of the committee to find the new director is headed by the Provost, Dr. Joe Moore. Currently 32 applicants from all over the country are vying for the job.

A "tentative" date of April 1 has been set for an answer to the search, said Mary Stroud, secretary to the pro-

vost.

The need for a new director arose after the last director, John Applenap, "asked to be moved", Stroud said. He has since become Director of External Learning Experiences, based in 111C Retan Center. Since September 1995, admissions has had an Interim Director, Brian Barden.

"No in-house employee's", are attempting to get the job, according to Stroud. Thus, the replacement will come from off campus and will not be Applenap, Barden or the admissions counselor, Jacquelyn Wisniewski.

Responsibilities of the Director

of Admissions are to manage admissions staff and handle all parts of admission of students. Included in the Admissions Department is Financial Planning and

Veterans Affairs, whose director is Christopher Vaughn. The new director will report to the provost, and work closely with MU President Rod Kelchner.

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3pm Adam Brennan faculty percussion recital at Steadman theatre
8pm Sigma movie at Zanzibar, featuring "The Craft"

Sun 1/26/97

3pm Vicent Salvadge junior piano recital at Steadman Theatre
Superbowl party at Zanzibar, time TBA

Mon 1/27/97

6pm Swim team at home vs Wells college
3:30 Karate classes held in 204 Memorial
4pm Flashlight meeting in 217 Memorial
4pm Men's and Women's recreational volleyball entry deadline in G10 Decker Gym

Tues 1/28/97

1pm Zanzibar advisory board meeting at the HUT
4:30 Students for a free Tibet meets in lower Memorial

Wed 1/29/97

9pm MAC coffeeshouse at 9pm at the HUT

Thu 1/30/97

1pm International discussion hour in MLK center
7-11pm Pool tournament in Memorial Hall. Cost \$1. Cash and Merchandise prizes.

Fri 1/31/97 and Sat 2/1/97

12:30 Auditions in Steadman Theatre.
Corey Gochenaur Senior Saxophone Recital at 3pm in Steadman Theatre.



Military cannot bar sex magazine sales from bases

NEW YORK (AP) — Sexually explicit magazines are forms of expression that are protected by the U.S. Constitution and the government cannot bar their sale on military bases, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

U.S. District Judge Shira A. Scheindlin in Manhattan ruled that the Military Honor and Decency Act of 1996, which forbids the sale or rental of sexual material at any military facility, is unconstitutional.

Scheindlin ruled on a lawsuit that General Media Communications Inc., Penthouse magazine's parent company, and five other publishers brought against Defense Secretary William Perry and the U.S. Department of Defense.

The act, added to the 1997 omnibus defense bill, passed without congressional debate on May 1, Scheindlin noted. President Clinton signed the bill Sept. 23, and it became effective Dec. 22.

The publishers sued, charging that the bill violated their constitutional rights to free speech and free expression. They got a temporary restraining order, which let them continue selling their materials until the case was decided.

Scheindlin wrote in her 30-page decision that while most Americans may want to ban sexually explicit materials, "society is better served by protecting our cherished right to free speech, even at the cost of tolerating speech that is outrageous, offensive and demeaning."

Bob Guccione, Penthouse's publisher, said, "I'm very pleased with the outcome. I think Judge Scheindlin has given the First Amendment a new spit shine by rejecting the bloated Military Honor and Decency Act as unconstitutional."

"The fact that some people or groups of people may find sexually permissive materials like Penthouse magazine offensive is not a legally permissible rationale for suppressing them," Guccione said.

Scheindlin said Penthouse is the third biggest selling magazine at Army and Air Force exchanges, at 19,000 copies a month. Playboy magazine, which submitted a "friend of the court" brief, sells 25,000 copies.

When the defense bill containing the decency act passed, its Democratic critics argued that it was unconstitutional. They said its loose wording could include the Internet, cable television, sex manuals for married couples, or the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue.

The act's Republican proponents insisted the measure was limited to the sale or rental of sexually explicit magazines and videos. They said service people could still buy the materials off base, but they should not be sold along with other discounted goods in post exchanges.

The American Civil Liberties Union also opposed the measure. It said Congress could show no compelling interest for placing restrictions on First Amendment rights.

Public loses big time as Food Lion wins lawsuit

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The public was the loser when federal court jurors awarded \$5.5 million to Food Lion in its lawsuit against ABC Inc., freedom of the press advocates said Wednesday.

"By every reasonable standard, the facts contained in the ABC program served the public interest, and this punitive award serves a very special interest and offends the public interest," said John Seigenthaler, chairman of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

The jury deliberated six days before deciding that Capital Cities/ABC Inc. should pay \$4 million and ABC Inc. should pay \$1.5 million to Food Lion. The jury said network employees had committed fraud during an investigation at Food Lion stores.

Two ABC employees were ordered to pay \$45,750 to Food Lion. The producers who used fake references and back-grounds to get jobs at Food Lion stores were not ordered to pay punitive damages.

"They just went about it the wrong way. I forgive them."

Steven Crane of Stanford

A Nov. 5, 1992, report on "PrimeTime Live" accused Food Lion of selling old meat and working employees unfairly. The grocery store chain denied the allegations, but lost millions of dollars in sales and stock value.

Seigenthaler, a previous editor and publisher of The Tennessean for 25 years, said he hoped the jury ruling "does not deter conscientious journalists from taking extraordinary steps to expose extraordinary problems to citizens. And certainly the quality of food on sale in stores across the country is a matter of extraordinary importance to consumers."

Even Gregory Mack, the jury foreman, acknowledged: "We would not have gotten the story if the media had not gone in."

Another juror said ABC had the right intentions.

"I feel like the media was trying to do the right thing," said Steven Craven of Sanford. "They just went about it the wrong way. I forgive them."

Robert Sack, a media and First Amendment lawyer in New York, he doubted the entire award would stand because the amount appeared out of proportion to the offense.

Mack said jurors considered what would be appropriate in deciding the amount. When jurors first began deliberations, each was asked how much he or she would support.

"It (the dollar variation) was as broad as the world. It was from zero to over a billion dollars. Misrepresentation on an application is not worth a billion dollars," Mack said.

Sack said the Food Lion case was one of at least a half dozen in the last year in which news gathering methods have been attacked. That suggests reporters do not have enough constitutional protection, he said.

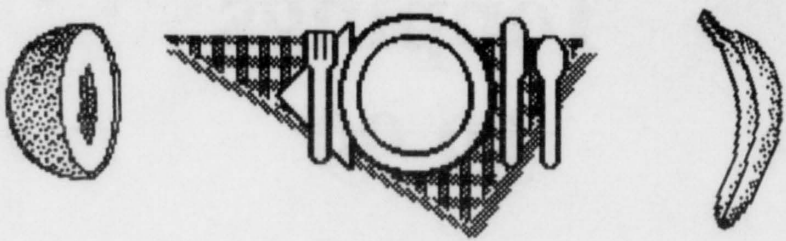
"This will dissuade print and broadcast journalists from doing stories that are important to public health and public safety," said Sack, whose clients include The Wall Street Journal and Newsday. "There will be an unknowable number of programs that will not be broadcast and articles that will not be written because of this ruling."

Washington-based First Amendment lawyer Bruce Sanford agreed, saying the award would force broadcasters and print journalists to think twice before doing investigative pieces.

"It's punishing the messenger plain and simple," Sanford said, adding the verdict is "not only emotional and irrational, it also seems to be unconstitutional."

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Political commentator writes farewell column

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Feisty columnist Steve Lopez bids farewell to his Philadelphia Inquirer audience today as he moves to a new job as a writer and columnist for several magazines in the Time-Life group.

Lopez, who came to the Inquirer nearly 12 years ago from California, won admirers and critics as he used sarcasm and humor to take on politicians and such venerable Philadelphia institutions as the parading mummies.

In columns ridiculing the moves of various political figures, Lopez often invoked the words, "Pennsylvania: Land of Giants" — words that became the title of one of his books.

In his farewell column today, Lopez recalls that the deadly police bombing of the MOVE house happened two months into his job at the paper.

"I felt connected to a 300-year history that had gathered itself in a satchel and

exploded on the roof of 6221 Osage Ave.," Lopez writes.

"In the years since, hundreds of columns were squeezed out of ideas big and small, good and bad. In the process, I became a true Philadelphian, proud enough of the city to defend it against outside criticism, and fed up enough with commonplace acts of incompetence or stupidity to scream every now and then."

Lopez, who wrote two novels and a play while an Inquirer columnist, plans to live in Philadelphia for another year and commute to New York. Then he plans to transfer to California to spend more time with his family.

"It isn't easy to walk away from one of the best newspapers in the United States, but this is my last column for The Philadelphia Inquirer. I thank the newspaper for allowing me the privilege. And I am honored, beyond words, that you gave me your time."

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"Superbuilding"

Are Belknap Hall and Retan Center equipped to deal effectively with Pennsylvania education in the near future?

Our View: Belknap Hall and Retan Center are not conducive to learning.

We are in the middle of the Information Age. Some have referred to this as the "Information revolution." Computers are everywhere. In the government, in the private sector, even in North Hall. However, Belknap and Retan have effectively been immune to this revolution that has swept the world.

The Internet is one of the most effective teaching tools a student can use. Our new Library has Internet access. From the moment we step on campus we are aware of its existence, although many of us still have trouble checking our email. Yet, the classrooms have remained untouched by the World Wide Web.

This is due to more than just the inability or ignorance of the state system of higher education to integrate this system into classes. The equipment is simply not present. How can professors teach or students learn from a plethora of information if they do not have the hardware to access it?

Any improvements to Belknap or Retan need to incorporate computers and state-of-the-art information systems if they wish to be truly effective in preparing students for the future.

In the late 1800's, many a farming community declared that the Industrial revolution was a fad. That agriculture was the base of the United States and would remain forever. When the factories opened up, and assembly lines began churning out, machines that could make work more efficient, many farmers were left behind. Many moved to the cities and took up work in the factories. Needless to say, this group of under skilled labor was never treated as well as those who had accepted the advent of Industry and prospered.

Those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it. It is time to accept that computers are going to revolutionize the world. It is time for all of Mansfield to represent that.

Opposing view: Belknap Hall and Retan Center are completely capable of providing us with an excellent education.

What is it that is absolutely necessary in a university? Competent professors, and students willing and able to learn. Anything else is frivolous.

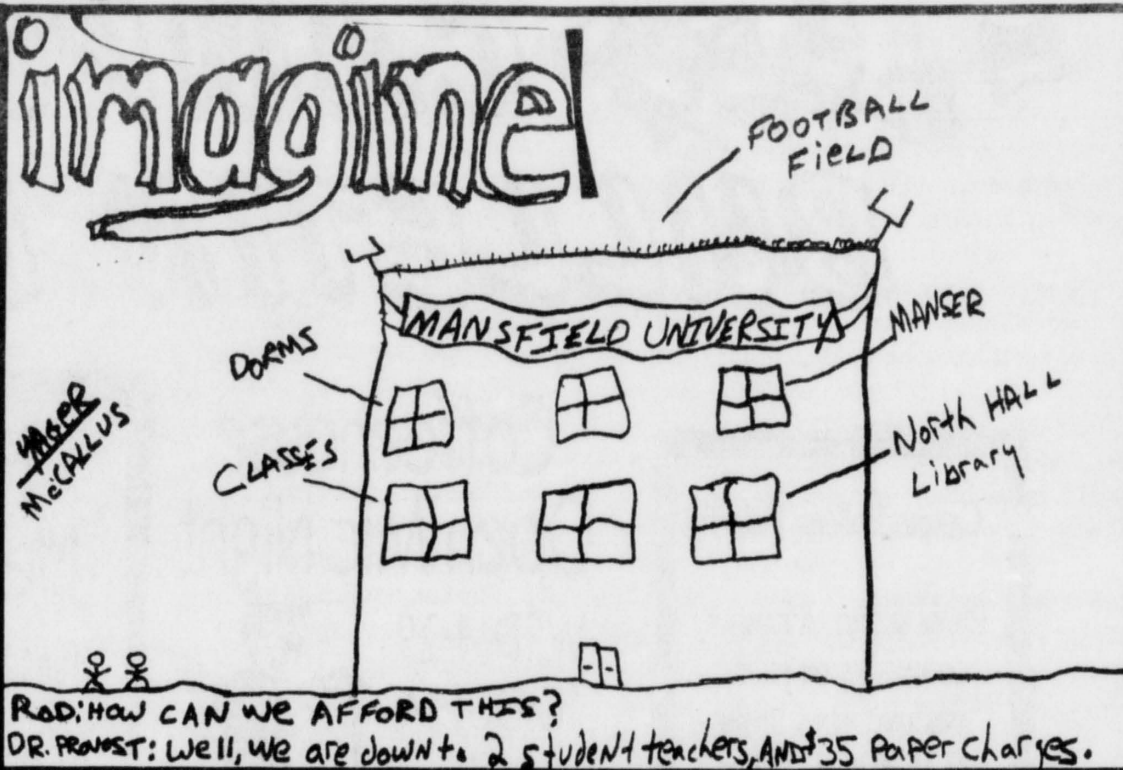
The buildings are standing, they are well-light. Both are heated in the winter and the windows can open in the summer. They are cleaned well by custodial personnel. What could be more conducive to learning than that?

As for the absence of multimedia and computer technology in these buildings, well, computers are available in North Hall, and nearly every classroom is provided with a cable TV and VCR. Besides, the jury is still out on the Internet as a teaching tool. Professors often can't handle the wealth of information, and students can have difficulty understanding the use of the machines.

We just finished building a multi-million dollar library. We are still waiting for the completion of a new recreation center. Is another construction job really what we need? Is Mansfield really in place to explode in student growth within the next few years?

What we need is an emphasis on well educated, well fed students and well trained professors. We need to reduce class sizes and get a more professional teaching base. To improve the quality of our teachers, we need to pay them more. The money spent on the proposed "super building" would be better used to improve our classes.

Over the past twenty years, we have poured far too much money into a system that just devours us whole. What we really need to do is emphasize education and allow students to reap what they sow from their education.



To all Mansfield students regarding library resources

First, let me take this opportunity to welcome the new students to campus this semester and welcome back everyone who's returning! Regardless of whether you've used the library before or are using it for the first time, I wanted to alert you to a couple of key changes in North Hall.

One of the most significant changes is what you'll see when you sit down at a terminal. We've regrouped and/or renamed the various applications and their corresponding icons in an attempt to make things "user friendly." For example, we've created a program group "Library and Research applications" which includes MATLOC, TITAN, MU Cybrarian and other useful icons to help you with your assignments.

As part of the new library program group, we've also included Windows' ver-

sion of some of our indexes (e.g.; ERIC, PsycLIT, MLA, and Criminal Justice Abstracts) as well as a few new indexes such as Books in Print. However, as with the versions you'll find in TITAN, many of these indexes have licensing restrictions. ERIC, for example, only allows five concurrent users. This means that if you're the sixth person, you'll have to try again later. For this reason, be sure to log out of the index when you're finished.

For e-mail, we strongly encourage you to use Eudora. This new e-mail program uses a "friendlier" Windows' interface. In addition, using Eudora will free up valuable disk space on the campus network, making using e-mail faster and more efficient. You will need a blank, formatted diskette to use Eudora. However, because your e-mail will be stored on this disk and to insure

your privacy, it's extremely important that you remember to take your disk with you wherever you go and to delete unwanted files on a regular basis.

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Letters to the editor policy

The Flashlight is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is not willing to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The Flashlight reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the Flashlight office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Sports

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Culver leads the Mountaineers past Cheyney

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

Lawrence Culver was a determined man against Cheyney.

Look at his stats on the sheet and you will have trouble arguing against that fact.

Nicknamed "Mr. Windex" by Giant 89 on-air personality Dave Pascal, Culver poured in a season high 31 points. He also grabbed a season high 20 rebounds, 17 of them on the defensive glass to lead the Mounties in their 118-103 victory over the pre-season Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Favorite Wolves.

Culver shot 9 of 13 from the field, including three of five shots from three-point land, and 10 of 13 from the charity stripe.

"There was all this talk about Cheyney this, Cheyney that, and I thought what better way to have a big game than against a huge rival like Cheyney," Culver said. "These are the games that I practice for, the games I live for. I love being in the big games."

Mansfield also got double digits from four other players. This included sixth-man, Bryan Zardezed's, 11 points in place of foul plagued Steve Shannon.

Kenny Woseley, Tom Harvey, and Louis Judson scored 27, 20, and 17 points respectively.

Lady Hoopsters snap losing streak against Cheyney Wolves

by Jill Mancini
sports reporter

The Mansfield University Mountaineer Women's Basketball team broke a five game losing streak by beating Cheyney University 92-75 last Saturday in Decker Gymnasium. The Mountie Women are 5th in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East behind West Chester.

The leading scorer for Mansfield was senior Erin Fisher, who scored 12 of her 18 points in the first half. Michele Jeffery added 17 points, while junior Jill Masker had 11.

Jeffery, a senior, led the Mounties to a 15-4 run over the last three minutes of the first half. She scored eight of their 12 points over that span to give Mansfield a 47-30 halftime lead.

Cheyney managed to cut the 15 point lead to only four points at the beginning of the second half.

Jeffery also added a game high 15 rebounds. Jeffery tops the team, and ranks among the conference leaders in rebounds averaging 9.1 per game. She also ranks among the PSAC leaders in steals at 3.3 per game.

"Our main focus against Cheyney was to push the ball up the floor because they only use six or seven players the whole game," said junior guard Jackie Williams.

The Cheyney Wolves were paced by the game's leading scorer, Melissa Boyd, with 32 points. Boyd leads the PSAC in scoring, averaging 20.8 points per



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Louis Judson helped the Mounties past last year's co-champions Cheyney Wolves.

The Mounties, coming into the game were 3-0 in the PSAC East and 14-2 overall with a 20th ranking ranking in the nation in Division II. They are on pace to catch the best recorded start since the 1962-63 Mountie team that went 18-2 to open their season.

In only the second home game this semester, the fans came out in full capacity as both the Mounties and the Wolves

looked to find a way to keep each other on their heels.

Cheyney struck first, fifteen seconds into the game on a Jimal Springfield jumper.

Mansfield's first trip down the floor saw Woseley get fouled on a lay-up opportunity by Wolves' forward Jason Burgess.

Fouls were the telling story

throughout the ball game.

Two of Cheyney's players fouled out, and a host of others were playing cautiously toward the end of the game with four personal fouls.

The Mounties held a 60-54 lead at the half, and the lead ballooned to 18 points at the 11:20 mark in the second half on two free throws by Woseley.

The Wolves were led offensively by Springfield's 28 points and 23 points by Anthony Carr. The problems was they had no answer for Culver inside.

"I don't use this word often, but Lawrence had an awesome game against Cheyney," said Head Coach Tom Ackerman said. "You will very rarely see anyone get 31 points and 20 boards against a quality team like Cheyney."

Mansfield held the edge in the rebound category 49-44. They did, however, turn the ball over 21 times against Cheyney's nine.

The Mounties outshot the Wolves in all three statistical categories. They shot 55.4% from the floor, including 52.6% from beyond the three-point arc. Free-throws were hit at a 73.2% mark.

The Mounties are gearing up for the stretch run through the PSAC, with hopes of moving on to regionals and national competition. Upcoming games at West Chester, East Stroudsburg, and Millersville will help keep the team in focus before returning for a contest with Kutztown on February 5, at Decker Gym.



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Chris Hill looks to accept a pass in the Mountaineers win over Cheyney

game. She also ranks third in the conference in field goal accuracy hitting 53.2% of her shots.

"We didn't think that they could keep up with our speed for that length of time. The focus of their offense was to take the ball to the basket, so we tried to concentrate on playing good defense," added Williams. "We felt that if we could frustrate them with good intensity, they'd fall apart."

This win snaps a five game losing streak for the Mountaineers, who have improved to 4-13 overall and 1-3 in the PSAC East. The Mansfield Women's Basketball team will play their next game on Saturday, January 25, at West Chester University.

Get Stuff at Manser with PEPSI POINTS



Pepsi Points Rules for "STUFF" at Manser

Pepsi points are to be collected from 44 oz Pepsi cups sold in the Mountie Den and South Side Court. Points from any other products are not valid. Points totals of 75 or more are to be turned into the Main Office in Manser. The Points are to be turned in at one time. Once the points have been entered into the office no more points may be added to that entry. Entries of 100 or more points will be eligible for the Grand Prize and First Prize. Entrants with 100 or more points not awarded a prize will be entered into the drawing for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes.

Contest begins on January 21, 1997
Entries will be accepted until 5pm on April 17, 1997

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Second Prize: Pepsi Hooded Sweatshirt
Third Prize: Pepsi Travel Bag

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Fifth Prize: Pepsi T-shirt
Sixth Prize: Pepsi Baseball Cap

Ackerman leads the Mounties to a national ranking

by Jason Feather
Sports Reporter

Coach Tom Ackerman has his Mansfield University Men's basketball team off to its best start (15-2) since the 1962-63 squad started the season at 18-2, and he has three fresh faces to thank for it.

In fact, this start has Mansfield ranked 13th in the nation in Division II at deadline.

Transfers Kenny Woseley and Lawrence Culver have brought a new dimension of basketball with them from the Division I level.

Red-shirt freshman sensation, Tommy Harvey, has brought court leadership as well as tremendous ball handling skills to a Mountie team that was struck by the graduation bug after last season.

Harvey and Culver are filling the spots vacated by Tyrone Fisher and Rick Shaw, respectively. Both of the latter were key parts to the Mountie squad last season.

Culver was named Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Player of the Week this past week, which was the second time this season.

He is the PSAC's leading rebounder, 11th in the nation, pulling down an average of 11.8 boards per outing. His 15.2 points per game has him ranked 15th in the conference, and he ranks fifth in blocks at 1.4 per contest.

"I don't use this word often, but Lawrence had an awesome game against Cheyney," Ackerman said. "You will very rarely see anyone get 31 points and 20 boards against a quality team like Cheyney."

Harvey, after a year of red-shirt status, has some hardware of his own. Harvey was named Rookie of the Week for the fourth straight week in the PSAC. His 10.6 points and 4.7 rebounds per game have helped his and the Mountie cause.

"Tommy is doing what I asked him to do," Ackerman said of Harvey. "He did a tremendous job handling the ball against Cheyney."

Meanwhile, Woseley has been named Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week for the second straight time.

Woseley was also named PSAC Player of the Week twice this season.

His scoring average of 18.5 points per game ranks him sixth in the PSAC, and he leads the conference in 3-

point percentage and steals.

"Kenny is the type of player that knows when he has to step it up another level," Ackerman said.

However, we cannot forget about the senior leadership from Mountie sharp-shooter, Louis Judson.

In the first 17 games this season, Judson has led the team in scoring on eight different occasions.

His 22.6 points per game average ranks him first in the conference and 13th in the nation in Division II.

"Juddy sometimes doesn't get noticed as much, but he can kill you from outside if you concentrate on Woseley or Culver too much," Ackerman said of Judson. "He's good for 20 points a night, four or five assists, and he doesn't turn the ball over."

"I tell you this, I don't over look what he does for us."

He also recently reached the 1,000 point milestone passing Joel Griffing and Tim Cook, and moved into ninth place on the all-time list with his 1212 points.

The "Big Four's" scoring average of 68.6 points a game has this Mountie team ranked first in the conference in scoring and third in the nation.

Over break their only two

losses were to Clarion, 85-78, and to Gannon, 103-80.

In their fifteen wins, the Mansfield offense averages 100.0 points, and their average margin of victory is 18.1 points.

Sophomore Steve Shannon has also contributed to the mix with an average of 13.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

He led the team in scoring and rebounding in the first game of the season, a victory over Shippensburg University, 99-93. His 11 rebounds against Clarion, in the rematch win, was also a team high.

Coach Ackerman has also got to be pleased with his bench support from the likes of Damoun Lopez, Bryan Zarzedez, Kevin Perluke, Anthony Brown, and Darrin Bates.

"Our bench doesn't get the recognition they deserve," Ackerman said. "They do a good job defensively, and they hold their own on offense."

Ackerman also made mention to the fact as to what the stretch run will mean to the Mountaineers.

"We are leading the East right now, and the guys know that if we continue to win, we'll get to host the championships."

"Right now we are second in the region, and we still have a shot at winning the region and hosting regionals, too," Ackerman continued.

With what is at stake for this Mountaineer team, there is no doubt that Coach Ackerman and his staff will have this team ready to perform to the fullest of their abilities.

Rodman: tattooed gimmick or the real thing

by Chris Lantz
sports columnist

Dennis Rodman is the new poster boy for the modern professional athlete. Is he all that he is made up to be? Or is he just an overrated gimmick. I would venture to say gimmick. Sure, Mr. Rodman is a decent basketball player. But, he in no way deserves to be mentioned with the elites. Sure, there are plenty of readers who are going to think I am crazy. You know the ones, they get caught up into the media hype and not the bare-bones truth.

Let us take a look at Rodman's strengths and Weaknesses. First, his strengths: rebounding, defense, disrobing, kicking camera-men, head-butting refs, and paying NBA fines.

Next, his weaknesses: offense, the transition game, outside shooting, inside shooting, shooting, scoring, personality, hair, tattoo artistry, temperament, his stupid television show, Madonna, his

choice in wedding dresses, and paying child support.

Yes, it is true sport lovers, Rodman is a one-dimensional player. His arch-rival in the media, Charles Barkley, is a complete player. Career-wise, Barkley has more rebounds and a gazillion more points.

If Charles were told to do nothing but rebound he would be statistically first instead of third. Let us not forget that Rodman was in the league many years before he hit the bigtime. He was the sixth man at Detroit for a few years and was nearly bankrupt when he was in San Antonio.

Then, his agent told him he needed to be outrageous and draw more attention to himself. So, the fits of rage against NBA officials grew bigger, he started to disrobe himself on the court and the color of his hair changed.

And we ate it up. His salary went from an NBA low of 2.5 million to the present 9 million. He has endorse-

ments, movie parts, and an MTV television show. Because of all this hype we are led to believe that he is the best power forward in the game. Karl Malone, Charles Barkley, and Shawn Kemp are all better players than Dennis, but you would not know that by the hype surrounding Rodman.

At this time, Dennis is serving a minimum of 11 days suspension for kicking a television cameraman in the groin. After this, he must pass a mental evaluation to determine if he is fit to play in the NBA. It seems that Commissioner Stern is not as impressed with Dennis as much as the television educated basketball fan.

This is good news for the NBA, Stern, the public, and the Bulls. (Michael Jordan is too great a player to defend his teammates actions). The only person that loses in this situation is the poor individual who has to find Rodman sane for reentry into the NBA. How would you like that on your resume?

Amber's (very last) time to speak...

by Amber Lakits
(former) sports editor

Well, this is it. The time to hand over the reins of sports editor has finally arrived. And before I go on, I just want to warn the readers—this article will be very self-serving. But, after four years here at this office I think I deserve it!

I can't believe this is my very last article for the Flashlight. It seems like only yesterday I burst in this office as a freshman announcing I wanted to write sports. But thanks to a lot of patient coaches and one extremely patient and understanding sports information director I survived and managed to do so relatively unharmed.

I now hand over the infamous sports editor position to asst. sports editor Joe Wagner. I'm confident (almost) that he will do a great job and continue this great tradition established by myself and former sports editor Josh Leiboff

(if you don't know him you really should). But in all seriousness I'm really proud of how far he has come and I know he will do a great job. And if he doesn't—oh well that's not my problem anymore.

I'd also like to wish my sports writers a lot of luck during their last years here at Mansfield. They have done a terrific job this semester having to put up with me and all my senioritis (I hear that can be quite serious when unattended properly). I wish them all the best for they are going to need it!

Being able to write for sports one gets to meet some interesting people. Players and coaches can come up with the best commentary when asked. My favorite job was simply listening to these men and women talk about the sport they love (or hate) so much. I especially want to thank Coach Hank Shaw. For anyone who has ever had the pleasure to speak with Coach Shaw they will know what I mean. He is a great man to get to know and it was always an adventure to inter-

view him.

And of course, I can't forget one very important person—Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey. I want to thank him so much for all the patience he has shown me through all the stupid questions and just general nuisance I have demonstrated throughout my years here. I think his office has become my second home after the newspaper. He has been more than a sports information director—he has become someone I highly admire and look up to for advice and guidance. Thanks so much for that and congratulations on your new family. (For those who don't know, he and his wife have just become the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl).

I'd also like to thank all the players and coaches on the football team. They made me feel like part of their family during my time as manager. I met a lot of great people who I can consider my friends (you guys know who you are). Thanks a lot.

Mountie Wrestlers to compete at PSAC state tourney

by J.P. Fella
sports reporter

The Mansfield University Mountaineer wrestling team will be competing in the 54th annual Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Wrestling tournament this weekend at Edinboro University's McComb Fieldhouse.

With only two weight classes not having a returning champion, the competition will be tough.

"Based on how the team wrestles individually, Joel Brinker has a shot at placing at 150 lbs even though there are two returning champs in his weight class," said MU wrestling coach Hank Shaw.

Brinker, a junior, set new records this season for wins with 28. He also set the record for most pins in a season with 10.

"We are going into the PSAC tournament severely undermanned," said Shaw. "We are only taking seven wrestlers. If Tim Tuttle wrestles well he has a shot at placing at heavyweight along with Steve Hawk at 190."

The PSAC tournament starts at 6:00 p.m.

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Construction worker injured at rec center

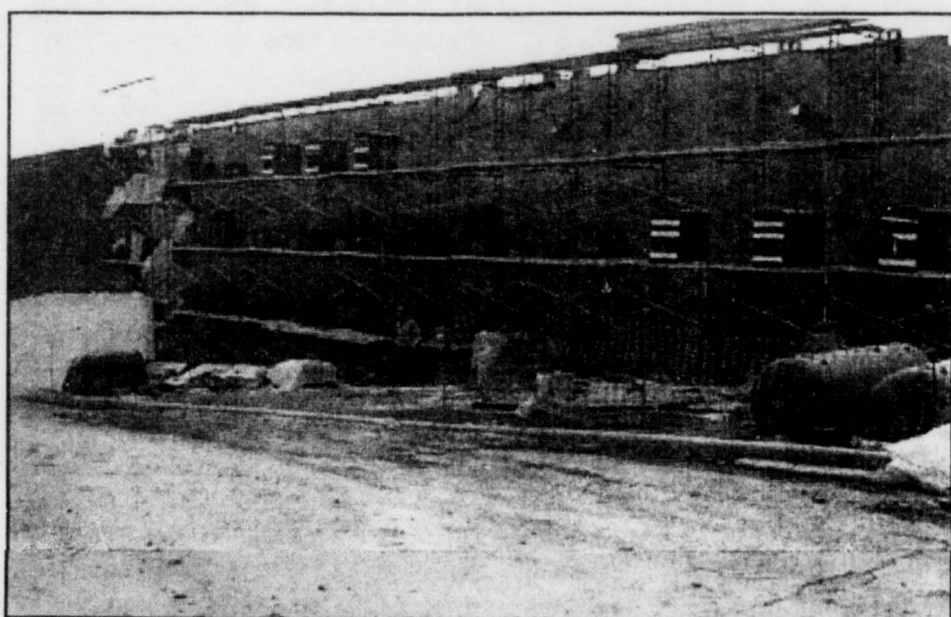


photo by Megan Sallade

Pictured above is the new recreation center being built here on campus. Last week a construction worker found himself pinned between walls and scaffolding.

By Thomas A. Jones
staff reporter

On January 17, a construction worker became pinned between walls and scaffolding while working on the new Recreation Center building.

According to the Recreational Project Superintendent Barry R. Hahn, "A scaffold tipped against the wall as people were exiting."

Apparently workers above the individual were exiting the scaffolding when cinder blocks from the level above the victim fell on to his legs. Hahn would not give the name of the workers involved.

"The weight and shock of the blocks knocked him down," said Hahn. "I notified through 4900 the campus police, and appreciated their help. They sup-

ported us 100%."

Officer Thomas of the Mansfield University Police Department said that the officer on duty would have responded for assistance.

"As long as it wasn't criminal in nature, we would have only been there to help," said Thomas.

The Construction worker had no broken bones and returned to work that same day to finish his shift.

"There were no infractions as far as the scaffolding," said Hahn, "and there was no property damage."

The Rec Center is scheduled for completion sometime in the Spring.

"There are a lot of people making some headway. We're saying a little before or after spring break for a finish," said Hahn.

MU delegates return home early from Russia

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

Last semester, a student and professor from Mansfield University who were studying at Volgograd University in Russia as part of an exchange program were forced to return to the United States two weeks early due to unforeseen circumstances.

According to Ben Stevens, MU sophomore, he and Dr. Philip Savoye, MU mathematics professor, were slated to return to the U.S. on December 12, 1996 but actually returned on November 28, 1996.

"We actually came home around November 28 after spending a week in a hotel," Stevens said. "That week was pretty uneventful."

According to Savoye, he and Stevens were forced to come back to the U.S. In late October he and Stevens began seeing men in black with Nazi-like symbols on their arms staying in the dorms.

"We weren't exactly sure why they were there," Savoye said. "We determined that they were a fascist organization because of the literature they were distributing and the posters they were hanging up."

According to Savoye, at that point the fascists were not a problem.

"We didn't ask questions because we thought they were just recruiting people," Savoye said. "Later, we (Savoye and Stevens) began getting glares and hostility towards us increased. They (the fascists) began following us"

According to Stevens, he and Savoye then began getting reports from other students that their safety might be in jeopardy.

"We were told by our friends not to go out after dark, stay on campus and lock our doors," Stevens said.

According to both Savoye and Stevens, they were then approached at different times and asked for their documents by members of the fascist organization.

"I was asked for my documents once when I was taking my garbage out," Savoye said. "Ben (Stevens) got questioned about who his roommate was."

According to Savoye, the fascists became more in number and their authority at the dorm increased.

"I found out at a meeting that the fascist organization was hired by the academic council of Volgograd to take care of security at the dorm," Savoye said. "The academic council is like the administrative body here at Mansfield. According to them the fascists were



photo provided

A photo of posters that fascist organizations distribute in Russia.

there to 'keep the peace' in response to the Chechens who were causing tension."

According to Savoye, he and Stevens then started a petition against the presence of the fascist organization and

had the rest of the foreign exchange students at Volgograd University sign it.

"We were the only two Ameri-

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Martin Luther King Jr. Intercultural Relations Conference Program Schedule

Friday, January 31, 1997
(Lunch on your Own)

11:30-4:00 pm Conference registration
Retan Center/Lobby
12:00-12:50 pm SPECIAL SESSION
Artistic expressions: The
Heritage of Africa
Allen Hall/Lecture Hall
12:00-4:00 pm POSTER EXHIBIT:
African, African-American
and Native Art

Memorial Hall/MLK

Center
1:00-5:00 pm Multicultural Film
Theatre
Retan Center/Rm. 210
1:30-2:45 pm Concurrent Sessions 1
2:50-4:05 pm Concurrent Sessions 2
4:10-5:25 pm Concurrent Sessions 3
6:00 pm Banquet
9:00 pm Student Party/Zanzibar

Saturday, February 1, 1997
(Breakfast on your Own)

9:00 am Conference registration
Retan Center/Lobby
9:00-11:00 am POSTER EXHIBIT:
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and Native Art
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9:00-10:00 am Multicultural Film
Theatre
Retan Center/Rm. 210

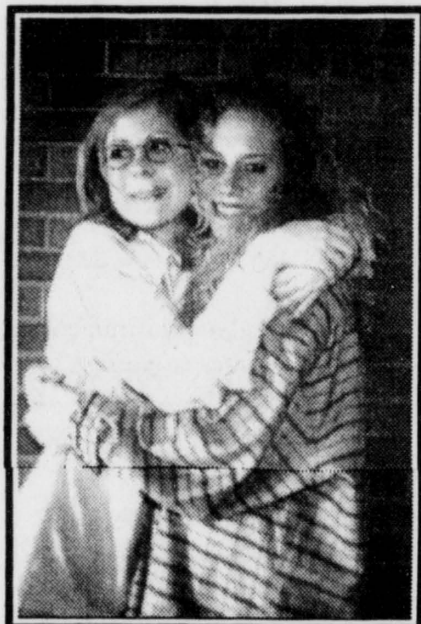
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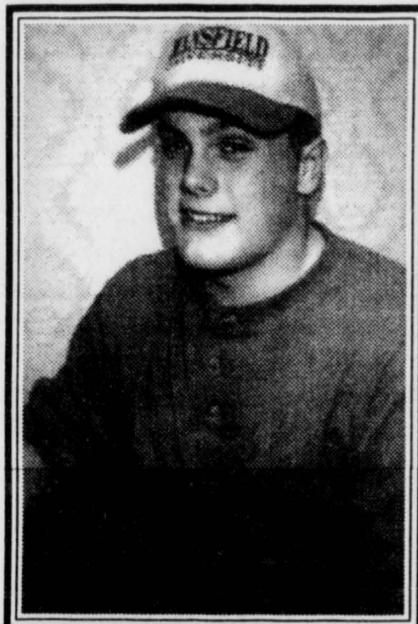
Campus Voices

by Brent McCallus

"What was your favorite commercial during the Superbowl and why?"



Judy Burdick sophomore
Tracy Strupp sophomore



Erik J. Barlett freshman

"Pepsi with the baby in the maternity ward. It was cute because the baby special effects were adorable and we like babies."

"The Dirt Devil with the computer graphics. The old movie clips were cool."



Amanda Brosious sophomore
Carollee Ellis sophomore
Billie Jo Pugh freshman

"The baby was cute and the chicken crossing the road was clever."

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cans at the university and there were 7 other Europeans," Savoye said. "We all signed the petition."

According to Savoye, the facists were then removed as a result of the petition.

"One evening, a group of real policemen came to kick out the facists and we didn't see them again," Savoye said. "At least we didn't see them again in their uniforms."

Savoye said it was then that he and Stevens began to really fear for their safety.

"That's when we checked into the hotel," Savoye said. "It was widely known by everyone that the facists were fired, which broke a contract, as a result of our actions."

Both Stevens and Savoye said that despite the negative experiences that they endured during their stay in Russia they both still have respect for the exchange program and the country of Russia.

"I have a great admiration for Russia," Savoye said. "Academically, Volgograd University and the professors that work there they're world class."

Stevens said that despite problems that can occur, traveling to Russia is a good idea.

"I do want people to go to Russia," Stevens said. "Whether it's through the exchange program or another way, that doesn't matter."

Dr. Joseph Moore, provost for MU, said that it is unfortunate that Stevens and Savoye had such a bad experience in Russia.

"I believe that studying abroad is a good idea," Moore said.

Police Beat

01/25/97

02:34 Alleged sexual assault in Laurel Hall.

01/26/97

11:50 Assisted ambulance at Laurel Hall. Individual refused treatment.

01/27/97

12:14 Individual sustained injury from walking on ice. Transported to Mansfield University infirmary.

01/28/97

12:40 Complaint of theft in

Maple Hall.

14:15 Lost or stolen decal.

22:43 Assisted outside

agency for noise complaint at Cory Creek Apartments.

01/29/97

08:17 Vehicle towed due to excessive parking violations and unpaid fines. Vehicle was illegally parked at the time of tow.

17:35 Lost or stolen decal.

01/30/97

01:35 Report of vehicles being egged in East Parking Lot.

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(Carol's work is currently being shown in the North Hall Gallery located just inside the entrance facing Memorial. This mixed media exhibit will be on display until February 14th. It is being co-sponsored by the Fine Arts Council and SGA)

Carol Schwartz

Artist's Statement:

"As a painter of woodland interiors, agricultural environments and flower gardens, I am captivated by man's attitude toward land. Although I carefully choose beautiful subjects, the best of my paintings are celebrations of the human ability and desire to have a positive relationship with the land. When I search for a subject I am always on the lookout for evidence of that. Even driving around from county to county, one can see a change in character that reflects the aspirations of the people and the priorities of the powers that be.

Having spent my very early childhood in the inner city, I was fortunate in that I lived just a few hundred feet from an entrance to Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, with its huge sycamores, towering tulip poplars and flowering cherries. The visual contrast between the brick, concrete, metal and glass of our neighborhood- and the green opulence of the Park- formed a long lasting impression. It seemed almost beyond belief that two areas in such close proximity could be so different. The visual transition was abrupt. So I grew up with strong opinions about land use. And with high regard for plant life, not just the look of it but the important part it plays in our lives.

All land is owned and is either deliberately left untouched, cultivated as part of one's livelihood, cultivated for pleasure- or desecrated. When I paint gardens these paintings are extensions of the gardener's art, incredible living designs. Frequently, when I paint farming environments, I never even get to meet the farmer. He may be totally unaware of the aesthetic properties that result from planting crops. He is designing the land. In any case, a land owner leaves telling marks on the earth's surface, on his land, and those marks are pretty much mirror his attitudes. So the places I paint are, in many ways, portraits of people who own them." Carol Schwartz is a graduate of The University of the Arts, B.F.A. Photography, and received her teaching credentials from Moore College of Art. Initially a Fine Art Photographer and Photojournalist, she began working as a landscape painter in 1971 and as a printmaker in 1973.

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SGA changes attendance policy at meeting Monday

Darren A. Meehan
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The Student Government Association held their weekly meeting in Memorial Hall Monday night and discussed topics ranging from senator attendance to student withdraw.

The meeting lasted more than one hour and began with a presentation by Dr. Thomas Moore, Provost. He informed the SGA of new proposals being discussed by faculty. He suggested changing the withdraw period and policies for lower level students as well as formalizing the mid-semester grades.

But the first change would be in the add/drop period. The faculty is considering a proposal lengthening the period an extra day, it would aid students whose three hour classes

The next change would include another cut in the recently altered withdraw policy.

Freshmen, sophomores and possibly transfer students would need their advisors signature as well as the professors' and they would have less time to do it under the new proposal.

"The withdraw is a grade of convenience. If we make students decide by the end of the week following spring break if they are going to withdraw, and we force them to see their

advisor before doing it, we will force these students to reassess the situation," Moore said.

Moore continued, "The advisor would have no veto power, but it will force the students to articulate their opinions to the advisor."

Moore is striving for a "more thorough evaluation" while, at the same time, he is hoping to quicken the withdraw policy.

Moore also recommended changes in mid-semester grading, forcing professors to submit A through F grades to all 090 and 100 level courses. This new system completely eliminates the S, for satisfactory, and U, unsatisfactory, grades certain professors currently employ.

This third change is aimed at helping lower level students focus, a power Moore hopes juniors and seniors should already possess.

After Moore discussed the proposals with the senators, the meeting shifted to a discussion of senatorial attendance. The SGA agreed to an amendment limiting the number of absences each member is permitted. The revised attendance policy limits the number of absences each senator is permitted.

The SGA meets every Monday Night at 9 pm in Memorial Hall. The meetings are open to the public



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Plagiarism forum packs North Dining Hall

by **Krissy Dennis**
staff reporter

A forum about plagiarism entitled, "Plagiarism: If I don't get caught, is it wrong?" was held last Thursday night in the Manser North Dining Hall with Dr. Joseph Moore, Mansfield University provost, acting as the moderator.

Moore opened the discussion by asking audience members to cite several different instances of plagiarism that they have come across. Examples ranged from plagiarizing off the Internet to professional singers stealing song lyrics.

Many times plagiarism is a question of borrowing liberally from sources and not knowing it, Moore said.

Dr. Lee Wright, MU communications professor, read the academic dishonesty policy as stated in the MU policy guide called the Password, and demonstrated several examples of plagiarism.

Wright also read the dictionary

definition of plagiarism, which is "to steal and pass off as one's own the ideas or words of another."

Wright also talked about a cite on the Internet where students can obtain any number of term papers.

"The interesting thing is that it is free," Moore said. "They are there for the taking."

Michael Deckman, communications major at MU, took the floor to share the results of his survey on students' attitudes towards plagiarism.

The questions gauged the student's knowledge of plagiarism and how severe the infraction is.

Deckman believed that the various attitudes of the students may depend on their area of study.

"I would think that most communication majors would go way out of their way to avoid plagiarism," Deckman said. "People are not confident in their writing."

Dr. Moore also spoke about the information technology available to students today.

"Because technology is there, plagiarism becomes a significant issue," Moore said.

When Moore asked the audience to give examples of when plagiarism might be acceptable, among the answers given were using Internet information to teach a class, settling arguments over who really owns an idea in the first place and the real issue having to do with money, not academia.

Wright, who described himself as "in the trenches" on this issue, said that plagiarism is on the rise.

"The capabilities of today far exceed what we used to have," Wright said.

Wright traced student's lack of knowledge about plagiarism back to their high school education.

"Plagiarism occurs because of a lack of understanding," said Wright. "Students have learned to plagiarize."

Wright gave the audience three reasons why students should care about plagiarism.

"What I want when I receive a

paper from you is one from a person who is a thinker, not a parrot," said Wright.

Wright also mentioned the impact plagiarizing can have on students once they leave university life.

"If you have not challenged yourself to write well, by the time you reach a job it will be too late," Wright said. "You are cheating yourself intellectually and financially."

Moore agreed with Dr. Wright and suggested several ways by which students can avoid plagiarizing. Keeping good records of the information you use and arranging the information into your words are two ways.

Moore added that students in college should be discovering their own voice.

"That is the most important thing you walk away with on graduation day," said Moore.

Moore concluded the discussion with an emphasis on what teachers need to do to help students.

"My belief is that when it comes to plagiarism both students and faculty are responsible for it."

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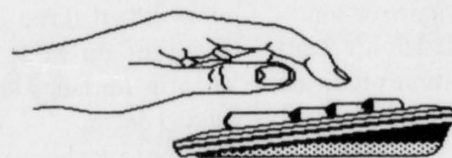
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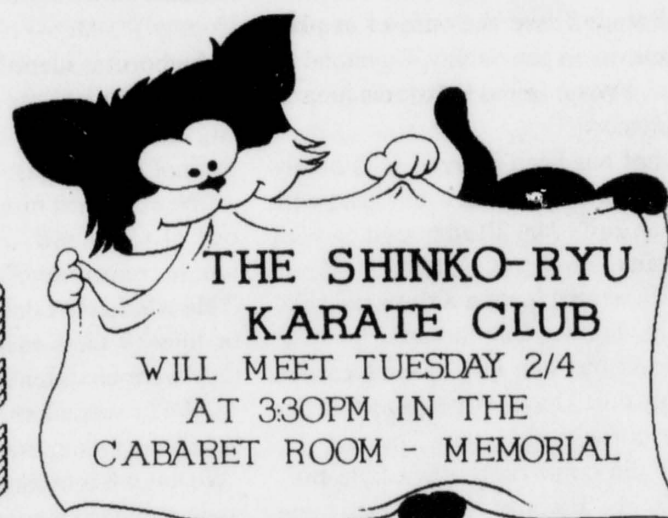
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Pennsylvania in the News

Murder suspect well known in Philadelphia TV

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AP) — The mystery computer user who sent a Pottstown woman roses, leading to her bloody murder, was identified as a well-known Philadelphia television personality.

Channel 10 sportscaster Howard Eskin said in a live interview with his colleagues at WCAU-TV Wednesday evening that he traded instant messages and e-mail on America Online with "Brandis" for three to four weeks.

Eskin said he did not know at the time that "Brandis" was the wife of another local television personality, Raymond B. Stumpf, known in the Pottstown area as Mr. Telemart.

Stumpf has been charged with nearly severing his 47-year-old wife's head with a kitchen knife Jan. 20 after arguing with her about the roses.

Eskin denied having a romantic relationship with Marlene Stumpf.

"I never met her. I've never seen her. The only time I have written e-mail to her is in response to her letters," he said.

"She did come on to me a little bit," Eskin said. "I would say at times there was no question it was provocative."

He said he responded by asking general questions about her life.

Eskin said her messages indicted she lived under stress from her job and classes.

"I sent something to just try to be something positive in her day, in her life. I did not know that her life had more problems than I even recognized from her e-mail letters," he said.

Eskin said he feels terrible about the outcome. "This is the worst time I have ever had in my life," he said.

Montgomery County authorities have known Eskin's identity for several days, according to Bruce L. Castor Jr., first assistant district attorney of Montgomery County.

Authorities identified Eskin by tracking the origin of the roses and by cracking the security codes in Marlene Stumpf's messages, Castor said.

"We contacted him. It turns out he was out of town and was unaware of the whole controversy," Castor said.

He would not comment on the content or tone of the e-mail messages, saying they were confidential.

"We have spoken with him and he is being very cooperative," Castor said.

"We think it is unlikely that he has given us anything of value and don't expect him to testify."

It was Eskin's choice to made his connection to the case public, Castor said. Eskin has said he won't speak to any media outlet he's not affiliated with about the situation.

John Du Pont trial fiasco continues

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — John E. du Pont called himself "his holiness" and said his estate was the "forbidden city" during a two-day standoff after the killing of wrestler Dave Schultz, according to recordings played in court Wednesday.

In addition to the phone conversations between du Pont and police negotiators, jurors heard three answering machine messages du Pont left with wrestler Valentin Jordanov the day Schultz was gunned down.

"Come to the house right away," du Pont said in the early hours of the standoff at his mansion. "Don't let anyone try to stop you."

As the trial entered its third day, pros-

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on the telephone and
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along,"*

John du Pont,
multimillionaire

ecutors played the recordings as part of their effort to show that du Pont clearly knew shooting Schultz was wrong — and not insane, as the defense contends.

But the tapes presented conflicting images of du Pont as both rational and deluded in the days following shooting.

A county medical examiner was scheduled to take the stand Thursday morning at the Delaware County Common Pleas Court. Afterward, the prosecution is expected to conclude the first portion of its case.

Du Pont, 58, gunned down Schultz Jan. 26 at the home the wrestler shared with his wife and children on du Pont's estate. Schultz, 36, who won an Olympic gold medal in 1984, was training at du Pont's elaborate Foxcatcher wrestling center in hopes of winning gold in Atlanta.

Jordanov, who lived with his family on du Pont's estate, was in New York the day of the shooting. He returned that night to find du Pont's Newtown Square estate blocked off, at which point he met with police and retrieved the messages by phone.

Negotiators made their first phone contact with du Pont around 3 a.m. Saturday. He was polite in demanding more than 100 times to speak with his personal attorney, Taras Wochok, but was at times adamant

in his refusal to cooperate with authorities.

"Do you realize that we're concerned about your welfare, No. 1? Are you aware of that?" police Sgt. Robert O'Donnell asked du Pont the day after the shooting.

"Just put Mr. Wochok on the telephone and stop stringing me along," du Pont replied.

Du Pont responded to his own name, but also referred to himself as the "his holiness" and "Dimitrius," which he said was his Bulgarian name. When police captured him on Sunday, Jan. 28, du Pont had a valid Bulgarian passport in his pocket.

District Attorney Joseph McGettigan showed jurors pictures of the murder scene, which showed a trail of blood frozen in ice behind Schultz's car. The blood ran down about a dozen feet along the driveway.

Red stickers taped to the shattered back window of the hatchback denoted spots where investigators detected flesh and blood.

Detective William Robert Welsh Jr. showed pictures of an arsenal of weapons recovered from du Pont's mansion, including the murder weapon: a 44-cal-

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ber Smith & Wesson Magnum that was found in a police-style leather holster on a high shelf in du Pont's locked vaulted library.

Other pistols and semiautomatic weapons were found in a telephone room, closets, drawers and in du Pont's second-floor bedroom, where police believe he spent much of the standoff.

The officer who captured du Pont, Sgt. Paul Trautman, talked about how du Pont resisted arrest by running away from him. The multimillionaire was apprehended when he left his mansion to fix a heating system for the mansion.

"When I first grabbed him, he said, 'Let me get back into my house,' and again, 'Let me in my house,'" Trautman said.

Phillies may sign free agent soon

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Free agent outfielder Derrick May has signed a one-year triple-A contract with the Philadelphia Phillies and will report to training camp on Feb. 20, the team announced Wednesday.

May, 28, batted .251 in 109 games with the Houston Astros last season, hitting five homers and driving in 33 runs. As a pinch hitter, May batted .300, 14th best in the National League, with one homer and six RBIs.

"He's a gap-type hitter with some pop in his bat," said Phillies general manager Lee Thomas. "He certainly hurt us enough at the Vet during his career."

May hit two homers and drove in five runs at Veterans Stadium on April 9, 1993, when he was playing for the Chicago Cubs.

He will earn 300,000 if he makes the squad, and will have the chance to earn another \$250,000 in bonuses.

May was drafted by the Cubs on the first round in 1986, out of Newark (Del.) High School. He played five seasons with the Cubs, then split the 1995 season in Milwaukee and Houston.

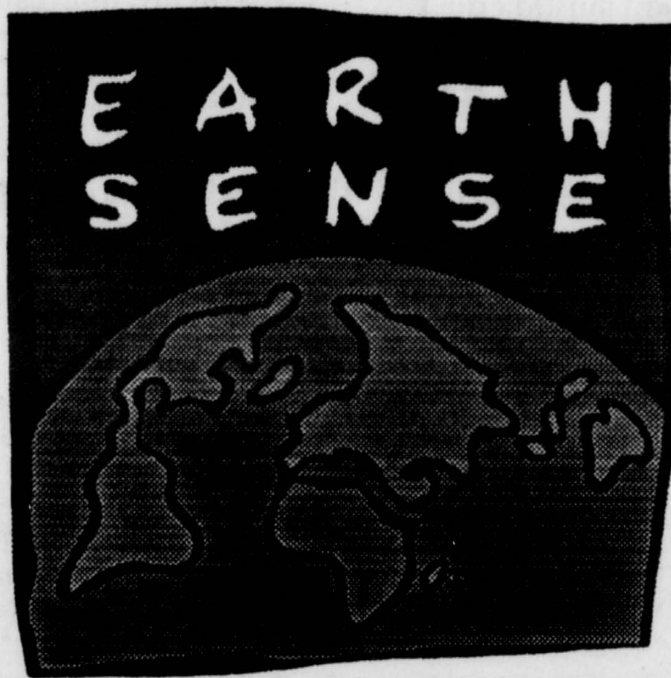
In six major-league seasons, May has batted .278 with 42 homers and 270 RBIs. His best year in the majors was 1993 with the Cubs — 25 doubles, 10 homers, 77 RBIs and a .295 batting average.

"He's hungry and wants to show a lot of people he can still produce in the majors," Thomas said.

The Phillies also announced that they had signed outfielder Ricky Otero to a one-year contract. Thirteen players remain unsigned.

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Around the Nation

Murder of 3 year old stuns the state of Maryland

BALTIMORE (AP) — A Baltimore man was indicted Wednesday for first-degree murder in the slaying of a 3-year-old boy killed in a barbershop while getting a birthday haircut.

Maurice Andre Blevins, 19, is being held without bail in the Baltimore City Detention Center. In addition to the murder charge, he faces two counts of attempted murder for allegedly trying to kill Cheryl Whittington, 23, the boy's mother and Kenya Davis, 20, a patron in the barber shop.

The grand jury also indicted Davis on handgun and reckless endangerment charges.

James Smith III was killed Jan. 2 when Blevins went gunning for Davis because he believed that he broke into a car Blevins had been driving and stole some clothing.

When Blevins entered the Fresh Cutzz barbershop in southwest Baltimore, Davis pulled out his own gun from a barbershop chair and fired back.

Police are not sure which bullet killed the boy.

Ms. Whittington, 23, was shot in the arm.

The killing outraged citizens of the community who used the barbershop as a makeshift memorial to the boy by placing stuffed bears, flowers, balloons and other tributes in its windows.

Russian Godfather sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison

NEW YORK (AP) — The man prosecutors called a "godfather" of Russian organized crime was sentenced to nearly 10 years in prison Wednesday for extortion and for a fraudulent marriage aimed at preventing deportation.

U.S. District Judge Carol Amon sentenced Vyacheslav Ivankov, 56, after the slight, bearded defendant made a speech-like statement on his own behalf that lasted an hour and 40 minutes.

Ivankov cast himself as a one-time anti-communist who was imprisoned and tortured for dissident activities in the Soviet Union. Prosecutors said he was the leader of a criminal gang there, and transferred operations to the United States when he arrived here illegally in the early 1990s.

"My life is a social protest against the communist regime," he said at one point.

Speaking Russian in a thin, often agitated voice, with an interpreter repeating his words for the court, Ivankov also spent much time attacking the FBI and Russian security services for using false evidence and perjured witnesses.

Federal agents said Ivankov was known and feared in New York's Russian expatriate community as "Grandpa," a rough equivalent of the Mafia kingpin "godfather" role. He also is called Yaponchik, or "little Japanese," for his slightly Asian appearance.

Amon gave Ivankov 9 3-4 years — slightly less than the 10-year maximum under federal sentencing guidelines — saying she took into account other criminal activities but none of the "foreign convictions" of Ivankov or his cronies.

He drew additional 60-month sentences — to run concurrently — for attempted extortion and for faking a marriage to a Russian nightclub singer in "Little Odessa," the Russian immigrant enclave in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach. Prosecutors said the marriage was a sham aimed at fooling U.S. Immigration authorities into giving him a green card.

The case began in 1995 when FBI agents arrested Ivankov and three other men, accusing them of trying to extort \$3.5 million from two owners of Summit Interna-

tional, an investment advisory firm for Russian emigres.

A jury convicted the four last year of extortion in the plot, which authorities said also involved the abduction of Summit owners Alexander Volkov and Vladimir Voloshin, and the 1995 slaying of Voloshin's father in Moscow.

Authorities said Voloshin and Volkov were approached in 1994 and told they could avoid "aggravation" by paying \$2.7 million to \$5 million for protection.

The deal was closed after Ivankov's accomplices allegedly kidnapped the pair from New York and took them to the Troika, a Russian restaurant in Fairview, N.J.

The Summit owners then went to the FBI, which set up a sham contract to snare Ivankov and the others.

U.S. officials said Ivankov spent 10 years in a Soviet prison for running a ring of thieves and bribed a judge to gain parole in 1991, after which he disappeared and turned up as an illegal immigrant to the United States in 1993.

Since then, the FBI said, he ran various criminal enterprises until arrested in June 1995.

The government's extortion case leaned

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heavily on FBI interceptions of cellular phone conversations among Ivankov and his accomplices.

Sergei Ilgner, 33, and Valery Novak, 46, were sentenced along with Ivankov on extortion, conspiracy and attempted extortion charges. Ilgner was given a 67 month prison term and Novak 4 years and 3 months.

A fourth man, Vladimir Topko, 35, was sentenced to 4 1/2 years on conspiracy charges.

Teacher suspended for shamanic art

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Donald Paulus' day job is to teach high-school social studies. His calling, he says, is to heal people with his shamanic powers.

The mix has earned the 63-year-old teacher at East Syracuse-Minoa High School a reputation as an eccentric.

A former Roman Catholic who converted to the archaic belief system, Paulus talked in class about shamanism and once even performed a classroom healing ceremony.

Administrators in his suburban school district say Paulus has crossed the line from eccentricity to unprofessionalism. He is accused of to chalk up the improvement in his knee to Paulus' act, his faith or coincidence. He added that Paulus seemed to be misunderstood by other students.

"He's kind of been passed off as a kook more or less. There's not even a euphemistic way of putting it," Van Nostrand says. "At the same time, he's a very intelligent man."

Not all his students agree.

In a handwritten note included with the charges the district has filed, one girl wrote:

"He only talks about his weird experiences and his way that he can heal and be a shaman and how he hates fundamentalists and Republicans and Christians. I am all three. He also doesn't teach us at all."

A fellow teacher filed a harassment complaint, claiming Paulus buttonholed her in a cafeteria and tried to convince her to travel around the country with him to heal people. A supervisor alleged that Paulus acted

"totally berserk" upon a chance meeting at a bank, administration documents say.

Paulus disputes the charges, saying it's part of a "hatchet job" on his reputation orchestrated by an administration that is angry with him.

Tensions between Paulus and school administrators date from before he was suspended in November 1995. He filed an age discrimination suit against the district with the state Division of Human Rights in 1991. The agency found enough evidence to merit further investigation. Paulus plans to take the case to federal court.

He also has publicized administrators' salaries and recent revelations that the school had sometimes bought outdated food for students.

Paulus notes that his evaluations from the school district had been positive since he began working at East Syracuse-Minoa in 1958. The officials agreed to send him to courses like "Shamanic Counseling" and the "International Transpersonal Conference" at the school district's expense.

Gary Minns, the current school superintendent, says he's approved no such sabbaticals for Paulus since he started as superintendent in 1990.

"His behavior really had worsened over the years," Minns says. "It was now affecting students and teachers."

As a tenured teacher, state law requires Paulus' case to be heard before a three-member panel. No date is set for the hearing.

"I was going to retire last year," Paulus says. "But I told my wife 'I am not going to retire under a cloud.'"

Robbery suspect barricaded

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE (AP) — Police continued a search Wednesday for a heavily armed robbery suspect who barricaded himself in a cabin with his family and then managed to escape.

Officers surrounded the cabin Tuesday evening. When they stormed the home early Wednesday, they didn't find Peter Scott Richards, 26, but did find numerous weapons, including a bazooka, plus hand-made grenades and rockets and bomb-making material, police spokesman Chuck Owens said.

Richards was contacted by telephone about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday but refused to surrender. But shortly after that, Richards let his wife and four young chil-

dren leave. His wife brought out a cellular phone, the only communication into the cabin.

Police then evacuated nearby homes and ringed the cabin, thinking he was still inside. But Owens said investigators now think Richards slipped away on foot at about the same time his family left — before the cabin was completely surrounded.

He added that based on information from Richards' wife, the man may have an assault rifle, shotgun, two handguns and a police scanner.

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Plagiarism, it's not just for idiots anymore

Plagiarism is a problem that educators and writers have had to deal with ever since the first book was written or even when the first idea was conceived. This past week a forum was held to discuss the problem of plagiarism and to educate students about what plagiarism really is. In the past, plagiarism was making sure that any thoughts that you used in your paper that weren't your own had to be attributed to wherever they came from.

There is a page on the Internet called "School Sucks" (www.schoolsucks.com) that has term papers on almost any subject that anyone can download from the internet and then print out. Students can then hand in these papers as their own work and this is all free.

We at the *Flashlight* will not say that this page should not exist because that would be censorship and the *Flashlight* does not support censorship of any kind.

Even though we cannot condemn this web page, we do feel that any student that takes a paper from this page is unethical and lazy. We agree with Dr. Lee Wright, who last night said that any student that takes advantage of this web page is cheating themselves intellectually and financially.

Intellectually, if you use this site, you are not giving yourself the education you deserve. You come to college to learn, not to prove that you know how to print something off of the internet.

Financially, you are wasting the money that you have spent to come here and learn. It seems that a couple of thousand dollars could be put to much better use than to waste it on college. For example, you could liberate a certain college newspaper from the constraints of C.O.F. On the "School Sucks" web page there is posted a copy of a story that was written by Brooke A. Masters for the *Washington Post*. The story ran in the *Detroit News* on October 4, 1996.

The story quotes the Jens Schriver who runs a web page called "The Evil House of Cheat," which is very close to the "School Sucks" page.

"Free speech is also telling someone how to make an atomic bomb. Or telling someone how to hack a Unix system. Or giving you an essay on The Three Little Pigs. Get my point. I support free speech."

Again, we at the *Flashlight* also support free speech but with this right comes a certain amount of responsibility.

In our opinion, if you absolutely must use these term paper web pages, go ahead. You will eventually be rooted out by your professors, and, if you get caught more than once, booted out of Mansfield University. So go right ahead and do it. The only one you will be fooling is yourself. Anyway, you have come to Mansfield University in the pursuit of knowledge. Personally, we don't think that grades are all that important, anyway. They are certainly not a good interpretation of your true knowledge on a subject, anyway. If people would just relax, and enjoy the pursuit of knowledge, and not be so worried about what grade they will receive on a paper, plagiarism would decrease.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Opinions Holocaust Museum discussed

During her interesting November 19 lecture on propaganda in international relations, Alexandra Nolan juxtaposed two statements. She said (and repeated at various times in the paper that for the United States Holocaust Museum to have the Presidents of Croatia and Bosnia speak, despite the conduct of their nations, was an "outrage." She implied that hate failure was compounded by the Museum's inability to provide for a Serbian speaker. To this information she juxtaposed another statement about the Holocaust Museum; that the Serbs had asked for a room to commemorate the atrocities they themselves had suffered, and were told that it would cost them \$50,000 to create such a place of memorial.

I am not sure there is any connection between these two statements, and the second is apparently inaccurate. Decisions on which speakers to invite have nothing to do with exhibition policy, and the response to the request for space is reasonable in any event; museums cost money to run. To juxtapose the statements is (I am sure intentionally) to im-

ply that the Holocaust Museum is unjust, perhaps too concerned about finances and insensitive to the sufferings of other people. On November 25, I spoke with Ms. Mary Morrison, Director of Communications at the Museum. She asserted that the Museum has never sold off rooms, nor ever offered to. Many groups have offered special exhibits, and in no case was money involved.

The Museum's existence is a tribute to all the people of the world, Jewish and non Jewish, victimized by ethnic hatred. Its functions is to show what that hatred has done to human beings of all races and nationalities. Its current mission, Ms. Morrison told me, is to establish a "Committee on Conscience" to publicize the evils of ethnic violence. It is grateful for the Serbian helpfulness in World War II--distributes a brochure about that helpfulness--and has exhibits which acknowledge the Serbian suffering during the period. In Fall of 21994 the museum hosted "Faces of Sorrow: Agony in the Former Yugoslavia." It focused on all victims; there were not as many pictures of Serbian victims as of others at that time, but Serbian sufferings were decidedly not excluded.

As DR. Nolan pointed

out, it is indeed a tragedy that "history has to be bought." No one knows this more than the founders of the Holocaust Museum. But the Museum is not in the business of selling history. The Jewish people have had their own history not only stolen from them, but falsified, first by vicious medieval slanders, then by forgeries such as the Protocols of the Elders of Zion, which provoked the Russian programs and are still being distributed by hate groups, then by the Nazis, who won their war against the European Jews, destroying their culture and stealing their artwork.

Regarding invited speakers, Ms. Morrison said that in April 1993, the Museum wanted to invite head of government from the "lands of the Holocaust." It consulted the State Department, and the consultation led to a decision about whom to invite. The Holocaust Museum may have made mistakes in inviting speakers, but it is not a mean-spirited place and it decidedly not insensitive to the sufferings of any oppressed people.

Jay A. Gertzman, Co-Director, University Lecture Series

PR lecture article incorrect

I was glad to see *The Flashlight* covered the lecture I gave about public relations, and I realize the topic was a difficult one to follow, but I feel I need to bring several corrections to your attention:

1. The first paragraph of the article states that the lecture occurred on Wednesday when it actually occurred on Tuesday, November 19th.

2. The third paragraph is supposed to be a direct quote of mine. It states, "Public Relations was first examined in 1922 when Walt Whitman began researching it," Nolan said. "It was discovered that Public Relations did not tell us what to think, but rather, what to think about."

What I actually said was, "In 1922, Walter Lippman examined the role of the press in molding public opinion and setting the agenda that tells people not necessarily what to think, but what to think about."

3. The next quote attributed to me states, "P.R. has a far greater impact on US public opinion than anyone realizes," she said. "Unlike journalists, P.R. agents do not have to be unattached. They must serve their clients. But they must adhere to certain ethics."

I actually said, "I firmly believe that international public relations is having a far greater impact on American domestic and foreign policy than he American public realizes." AND "Unlike

journalists, P.R. practitioners do NOT have to be objective, detached bystanders, because they are advocates for a client. But like journalists, they are to adhere to the canons of truth and accuracy. P.R. practitioners serve a client, but they also serve the democratic process and the public good."

4. Paragraph 11 states: "World War I brought us the modern P.R. techniques," Nolan said. "President Wilson selected George Creel as head of public information. More than 1 million posters were produced. Also, scores of movies and hundred of thousands of pamphlets were made."

I actually said, "And it was with World War I that America really saw the birth of modern public relations techniques. That's when President Wilson delegated George Creel, a well known journalist, to chair the Committee on Public Information. ... His committee produced 6,000 press releases and directives and more than 100 million posters. He produced motion pictures, using a technology really just brought to life 20 years before, and he sent abroad a corps of high powered experts to strengthen morale for the Allies and to shatter that of the enemy by distributing pamphlets behind enemy lines." (source: author Jordan Braverman)

5. Paragraph 12 lists the name of the head of the office of War Information during World War II was Almer Davis. The correct spelling is Elmer Davis.

6. Paragraph 13 says, "It was said by P.R. agents at the time that the next war was going to be fought

with images." The quote should be attributed to Marshall McLuhan.

7. Paragraph 16 says, "Croatia had declared war on the US in World War II, and operated some of Hitler's largest concentration camps." I actually said, "It [Croatia] also operated the third largest concentration camp during World War II in all of Eastern Europe."

8. Paragraph 19 omits three additional recommendations: 1) That the media should avoid sensational headlines; 2) That legislators should demand the licensing of public relations practitioners; and 3) That all practitioners should abide by the Code of Athens.

9. The final paragraph states, "After her presentation she remarked, 'Now we have the Internet, and even seemingly small mistakes can have global consequences.'" I did point out the fact that the Internet is the ultimate democratizer, and that is has offered a voice even to the Serbs, but the quote I gave was, "Performing public relations for a foreign country really is distinctly different from performing public relations for a corporation in focus, magnitude and long-term impact. AND although corporate mistakes can jeopardize a company's existence and affect numerous employees, shareholders and their communities, when dealing with countries-mistakes... even seemingly small ones--really do have global consequences."

Alexandra Nolan, Communication Department

Commentary

GOP being less bold this time around

by Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Subdued despite their congressional victory, Republicans have retreated from some of their more provocative initiatives: sweeping tax cuts, abolition of Cabinet departments, restructuring of the Internal Revenue Service.

Republicans retained control of both the House and the Senate in last year's elections. But gone is the feistiness and combativeness with which they started the previous Congress, giddy from their 1994 midterm upset victory.

In many ways, Republicans remain shaken from the negative fallout from last year's government shutdowns and their savaging by Clinton and Democrats on Medicare spending.

And they seem unwilling to confront Clinton in any big-time way preferring in many instances to allow him to go first in offering specific proposals to help fight the deficit.

What about the 1996 proposal to abolish the Education Department? Asked if Republicans had dropped it from their

agenda, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said: "I guess you'd have to say we have."

It might be hard for Republicans to argue forcefully for eliminating or downsizing the IRS with one of their own, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, still under an ethical cloud that includes allegations of misuse of a tax-exempt foundation for political purposes.

Even a Lott-sponsored \$194 billion, six-year tax-cut proposal — which retains a \$500-a-child tax credit pushed last year by Republicans — is being portrayed as too costly by some deficit-sensitive Republicans, including Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici.

Compare that view to the \$270 billion tax cut passed by the GOP Congress last session, or the \$354 billion tax cut originally passed by the House that Gingrich called the "crown jewel" of the GOP's "Contract With America."

The proposal for congressional term limits that was part of that 1994 GOP manifesto also seems to have run out of steam, even though Gingrich has pledged to make it a high priority — and the House is expected to take it up early next month.

The plan received a 227-204 vote in the House in 1995, a majority but short of the two-thirds required for a proposed constitutional amendment. "We'll have to struggle to get any more than the 227 votes," Rep. Bill McCollum, R-Fla., a leader in the term-limit movement, conceded recently.

Republicans will go head to head with the administration over a proposal to make a balanced budget part of the Constitution — but sponsors suggest they might have a hard time finding the votes to prevail, particularly in the House.

Seldom is talk of a constitutional amendment to ban abortions heard these days.

There's plenty of talk of how Clinton has dragged the Democratic Party to the center. But the bulk of the Republican Party, in the new atmosphere that prevails in Washington, has been moving toward the center as well.

Gingrich, a GOP firebrand in the past, has seen his influence diminished because of his ethics reprimand.

And Lott, who took over from Dole as majority leader of the Senate, is known more for his businesslike approach than for ideological fervor.

"Because congressional Republicans have been listening to the American people, we're ready with a common-sense agenda shaped by your vision for the future," Lott said in a recent radio address.

While the Republicans have been busy backing away from many of the issues they campaigned on in 1996, Clinton appears to be making a point of sticking to his campaign proposals.

Asked at an East Room news conference on Tuesday if he had abandoned the proposed capital-gains tax break for homeowners that he mentioned in his Democratic acceptance speech last August in Chicago, Clinton said: "Everything I talked about in Chicago is in the budget."

He sends that budget to Capitol Hill next week.

"Republicans in Congress have taken a lesson from Clinton and the Republican Congress' first two years: It's better to sit back because whoever goes first gets punished," said Bill Kristol, a conservative activist and magazine publisher. "But it may be a matter of learning the wrong lesson."

Presidents set tone for jousts with media

by Donald M. Rothberg
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's President Clinton vs. the press. Live on television. But not exactly the Super Bowl.

Reporters will no doubt throw tough questions about fund raising and how Clinton plans to balance the budget. The policy wonk president will respond with a blizzard of detail, his answers running on and on and on.

The fact is, most presidents easily control the tone of these jousts with the news media.

"It's hard not to be in control," said George Christian, who was White House spokesman when Lyndon B. Johnson was president. "You've only got a handful of questions, 18 maybe, and the president controls who asks the questions."

Johnson did not like formal news conferences, said Christian. He preferred to summon the 40 or so reporters regularly assigned to the White House in those days into the Cabinet Room and let them ask questions without live television coverage.

Clinton, on the other hand, gives the impression of a man who enjoys the give and take. His last two news conferences ran about an hour each, roughly twice the traditional length.

He looks like a president who likes to talk. Ask about criticism that his effort to cut the budget deficit is making life harder for the poor and he responds with a long, long dissertation packed with references to legislation and statistics.

"We doubled the earned income tax credit, raised the minimum wage, increased the availability of immunizations to poor children, dramatically expanded the number of poor children in Head Start," Clinton said in a small segment of a lengthy answer.

Not only did he spew out an impressive list of actions, but in his impromptu

response he never used the same verb twice.

Clinton will hold the first formal news conference of his second term on Tuesday and press secretary Mike McCurry says the president wants to start meeting with reporters on a regular basis.

That plan may represent a bit of re-election euphoria. Having won the voters' endorsement for a second term, presidents feel they can take on the toughest challenges.

"It may be that he thinks he can woo the press, charm the press," said Brookings Institution scholar Stephen Hess, who worked in the Eisenhower, Nixon and Ford administrations. "After you get re-elected you're feeling pretty up about your powers."

"In fact, he can't. The press' interests are otherwise. Its interests are in getting a good story and he'll get irritated by it."

Marlin Fitzwater, White House spokesman under Presidents Reagan and Bush, wrote in his memoirs that Bush "could not understand how the press could be so bad to him when he had been so good to them. He held 280 press conferences, at least 20 minutes long and open to questions on any subject."

Fitzwater also offered an insight onto the follow-up question. At news conferences, reporters often ask a question and then say "and I have a follow-up." Many think the follow-up give them a chance to catch the president in an inconsistency or force him to say more about an issue than he intends.

"The follow-up question is always easy because your mind is already working the subject," said Fitzwater.

Bush's problem was his tendency to be disappointed if a reporter he liked wrote something critical.

"I urged him time and again to mitigate that feeling to say 'I don't like him, but he's fair' or 'I do like her, but she can be critical,'" Fitzwater recalled.

Christian said Johnson generally liked

reporters, but also was extremely sensitive to criticism.

"He never stopped trying to work with the media," the former press secretary said. "He never hated them. If he didn't like somebody he just didn't talk to

them."

That left it to Johnson press aides to try to mend fences. "We had to try to get him on better terms with some of the reporters he just didn't like," Christian said.

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Kreative Korner

Evita a spirited, musical drama

By Bryan Murphy
Staff critic-person

Evita
Hollywood Pictures
Starring: Madonna, Antonio Banderas
Length: 2 hours, 40 minutes
Rated: PG-13
3 Stars

Evita is the spirited, musical story of the life of Eva Peron, a First Lady of Argentina. It stars Madonna, Antonio Banderas, and Jonathan Pryce. The Hollywood Pictures film was directed by Alan Parker, and based on the original Broadway musical written by Tim Rice (lyrics) and Andrew Lloyd Webber (music). The movie starts just after Eva Peron's death with scenes depicting a nation's mourning for the loss of their beloved first lady. It then jumps to Eva's childhood when she and her family were kept from their father's funeral because he was married to another. From then on it tells her story, a story of love, lust, and power. The movie does not portray Eva Peron as the saint that she is now perceived to be in Argentina. It shows her using men-in-power to get higher and higher on the ladder. Her trip from a low class citizen to a star of the becoming the First Lady of Argentina.

As first lady, Eva was loved by Argentinians because she stood for what



Photo provided

Madonna stars as Eva Peron in this film adaptation of the classic musical, Evita

they could achieve. She and her husband, Juan Peron, used that quality to get the common folk to vote for them. The movie goes on to say that the Perons didn't really do anything great once they were in office either. They just used Eva's popularity to help keep their rule going.

I thought that this movie was good, but there were some things about it that I didn't particularly like. For instance, Antonio Banderas singing in the beginning annoyed me - not that he was off key, because he wasn't, it was just

his lip-syncing - something was weird about it. However, by the middle of the movie I had forgotten all about his lip syncing problems.

What can I say about Madonna's performance? Well, I can't really think of anything bad to say about it. It was the best performance of her acting career, which, I know isn't that illustrious. But, let me just say this, she deserved the Golden Globe, and, in this humble reviewer's opinion, she at least deserves an Academy Award Nomination, if not the Award itself.

Jonathan Pryce was good also, but then again, he usually is. He played the President of Argentina as well as anyone could have.

Something that surprised me was that all of the stars (particularly Pryce and Banderas) could sing — and could sing well. I would not have thought that they (even Madonna) could sing that well, but I guess (with the right amount of coaching) they could.

Is this the comeback of the American Movie-Musical? Who knows, but I can say this with some degree of certainty, if this movie flops — don't expect many more musical movies for a while (the Movie Studios aren't that stupid). Regardless, if this brings the movie/musical back or not, Alan Parker made as good of an attempt at bringing it back as anyone could have. From using the actual Presidential Palace in Argentina for some scenes, to the streets of Belgrade for others, the cinematography was beautiful. The casting was probably as good as it could have gotten (now if you'd have asked me that before the movie was released I probably would have spoken differently).

All right, I'll wrap it up: if you like musicals or Madonna — see it in the theaters. If you like Andrew Lloyd Webber's other musicals — see it in the theaters. If a musical is not your cup of tea, or if you don't like one of the stars — wait for the video. If you can't stand musicals and can't stand any of the stars — skip it.

It's twenty years later and 'Star Wars' still kicks butt

by Josh Cusatis
Jedi in chief

The special version of the first "Star Wars" movie, "A New Hope," is scheduled to be released today. Apparently, Industrial Light and Magic have cleaned up the audio and visual tracks and there are new scenes that have been added. Scenes that were filmed in the original shoot that were cut for whatever reason. There are also new special effects that have been added in. All of these effects were done with the computer technology that we now have which wasn't around in 1977 when the movie was released for the first time.

I've seen a clip that they (Lucas and ILM) added into the movie where Han Solo has a conversation with Jabba the Hut in a flight hanger. Jabba was completely done by computer and ILM has done a fantastic job in recreating the character.

What I can't believe is that it has been twenty years since the movie was first released. It makes me begin to understand how old I am. Granted, 22 years is nothing to 35 or 940 but it's still

a hell of a long time.

I was two when my parents took me to see "Star Wars" the first time it was released and we went to a drive-in. My parents were expecting that I would end up falling asleep very early into the movie so they brought a blanket and a pillow for me in the back seat of their huge, red Mercury that we had at the time.

I didn't fall asleep. What I did do, according to my mother, was stand on her lap with my arms on the dash board and watch the entire movie from beginning to end. I was also told by her that there was an airport behind the movie theatre and I thought that all of the air traffic that was going on during the movie was actually part of the movie.

Ever since that moment, and for as long as I can remember, "Star Wars" has been a part of my life as it has been for millions of others. It's just kind of hard to believe that all of it started twenty years ago.

I don't know why I wanted to share that with you but I did. Maybe it will conjure up some good memories for yourself.

Hey kids! Would you like to see poetry on these pages? Drop some off at your friendly Flashlight office at 217 Memorial and maybe we'll print it.

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Kranky Comments

Random ramblings and other musings

By Krissy Dennis
features editor

Well, here I am with my very own page. With this page I am told that I have freedom to do what I want. If you do not like my play on words for the name of my page, your'e just gonna have to deal with it. I intend to use this freedom to advance every cause I believe in. I may even advance things that I do not really care about.

I do realize that I do not want to do this alone. That is why I want to make the Kreative Korner a place where students can express their own

various talents, as long as they do not interfere with my egotistical thoughts. No really, I do not think that you want to listen to me ramble endlessly about things that only interest me.

So in keeping with my selfish ways, some of the topics I think should be discussed are feminism and the foul use of the term "femi-nazi" (you know who you are), simulated orgasms, alien autopsy (fact or fiction?), mysterious loss of flex at Mountie Den, the cheating ways of Ann Landers and it's effects on Sparky, lack of day care at our illustrious school, Elliot Hall ?, bisexuality (someone has to keep it up), etc.

Today I would like to concentrate on the use of yellow paint to adorn the outside wall of the new recreation center. According to some it will look as ugly as "dick". I am not so sure of that. But how attractive could that color really be? What could be the reason for this choice of color? (SEE CARTOON) What exact color will be used? Lemon Meringue? Banana lemon? Sunflower yellow? Do you care? Me either. On to the next topic.

How boring was that? Anyway, I am told that since I own this page I can do whatever I want. Let's say I choose to wear butt floss undies

and hand out tootsie pops. I can do that because now I am a goddess of talent.

Crack

I honestly want this page to be for the masses. For those of you who would rather read something remotely interesting, send in some poetry or something. For those of you with angst-filled, heart felt crap to express, this could be your only opportunity.

It is late and I am running out of brilliant things to say. Maybe next time I will dazzle my readers with haiku poetry and random deep thoughts. But if you are not anywhere near being amazed, I really do not want to know about it.



Where has the soul gone?

By Gene Yager
Editor in charge of libel

Well, congratulations, Mansfield University, and my deepest apologies as well. This is, after three years at the Flashlight my very first, and my very last column. First I would like to say how very disappointed I am in this campus. A band which I sing in, spontaneously called Captain Communism and his Mighty Band of Socialists, played at coffeehouse. Granted, it was an open microphone night, however nobody, save two people in the front row showed up. This made me wonder where the soul of MU has gone.

Please, somebody approach me on campus, or send me a letter here at the Flashlight to tell me where the spirit has gone. Did it really travel south to Birmingham or north to Guelph as some people say? I once saw on a tribute to Jerry Garcia some old guy say "Now that the singer is gone, where shall I go for the music?" Well, I now ask, now that the soul of Mansfield is gone, where shall I go for the inspiration?

I know, this sounds self serving, but it isn't. I am trying, I'm tryin' real hard to give Mansfield U mouth to mouth resuscitation. I see what could be, and it kills me to see what it is not. Music is truly sustenance for the soul, and if people would just try to get up to coffeehouse when a band is playing, or when it is open microphone night they may discover a part of themselves they had given up for dead. If you really, really don't enjoy the music that is being played, then fine, leave. But at least try, and at worst, you have burned a few calories on the walk. At best, you will hear

some music that you enjoy, and you will have fun. Go out on Wednesday night, get high, get drunk, and then stroll on up and rediscover your soul. Adios, and remember, the best things in life are free, and happiness is just a sunset away.

Well, now let us move to a different topic. Parking on campus is terrible, isn't it? It is virtually impossible to park your car, if you are a student, on campus. Now call me crazy, but aren't we the ones going to school here? Am I hallucinating every time I drop a check for two thousand dollars in the mail? I have an idea. OK, follow me on this one, because I think I am hallucinating right now. Mansfield University, listen up because my brain is talking.

We could do a couple of things to alleviate parking problems. The first is to issue every student a shovel, and for each student to dig himself or herself a personalized parking hole underground.

Solution number two- round up all older professors who are close to retirement anyway, and use those same shovels to dig out any gold fillings within said professors' heads. We could melt down all of that gold and buy up large chunks of downtown Mansfield. We could then utilize slash and burn techniques to make those properties large parking lots.

Solution number three- clear North Hall of all books, desks, and computers. Next, reinforce the floor with concrete. Finally, install ramps where the staircases are, and make it one big parking garage. Senior adviser has got dibs on the seal to park on, and something tells me that there are quite a few people who would pay a pretty penny to park on the provosts rug, and drip oil where his desk once was.

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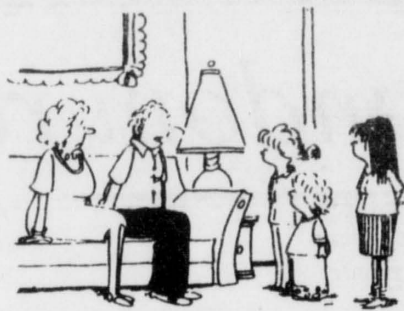
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Louis Judson receives honors



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Judson has started for four years under MU Head Coach Tom Ackerman

Troy graduate, Louis Judson scored 28 points in the Mounties' game against West Chester and 21 points in the East Stroudsburg game to help the Mountaineers to an 11th place national ranking.

The senior guard is ranked 13th in the nation in scoring (22.8 ppg) and is 10th in 3-point field goal percentage.

Nikki Noaeill holds many MU records



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Noaeill was a two-time All-American for St. Cloud State University

Nikki Noaeill is a junior transfer student from St. Cloud State University. She came to MU last year with Diane Heydt, Mansfield's new Head Coach. Noaeill has also qualified for the NCAA Division II Swim Championships.

She holds MU records in the 50 freestyle, the 100 freestyle, the 200 freestyle, the 50 backstroke, and the 100 backstroke. She also shares the records for the 400 medley relay, the 200 free relay, the 400 free relay and the 800 free relay.

Shannon leads the Mounties past ESU

By Jason Feather
Sports reporter

"Steve Shannon has been in a little bit of a slump lately," Coach Tom Ackerman said last week.

On Wednesday night, at East Stroudsburg's Koehler Fieldhouse, it appeared that Shannon ended the slump, and in good time, too, for the Mansfield University men's basketball team.

With the stretch run of the season coming just around the corner, the Mounties look to be hitting on all cylinders now.

Shannon scored a career-high 30 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Mountaineers past ESU 106-91.

The victory enabled Mansfield to extend their winning streak to 10 games, and tie the best start recorded in Mountaineer history at 18-2. Their unblemished, 6-0, run through the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference also continues.

The Mounties, ranked 11th in the nation this week, are looking for their first PSAC post-season action since the 1985-86 season.

Shannon's 30 points came from a variety of fast breaks, lay-ups, short jumpers, and free throws. He was 14 of 19 from the field, and 2 of 3 from the charity stripe. His offensive presence was also noticed on the glass, where he grabbed seven offensive boards.

"Steve rebounds well, and he scores when he has the opportunities," Ackerman later said about the sophomore.

Mansfield also got a good ball game out of freshman Tommy Harvey.

Harvey scored 16 points and dished out 6 assists, while having no turnovers in his 38 minutes of play. He shot 5 of 7 from the floor, including 4 of 6 from beyond the three-point arc.

"I can just see Tommy getting better and better every night out," Ackerman said of Harvey.

Louis Judson scored 21 points and had 9 assists, while Lawrence Culver scored 14 points and grabbed 13 rebounds. Kenny Woseley scored 18 points in only 23 minutes of action.

ESU was led by Chris Diller's 25 points, and Al Munford's 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Mansfield led at the half 51-35.



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Sophomore center, Steve Shannon, scored a career high 30 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead the Mounties past East Stroudsburg

The Mounties shot 55% from the floor for the game, and out-rebounded ESU 49-41; however, they did turn the ball over 22 times.

"I think that the style of play we're using this year is going to lead to turnovers," Ackerman said. "I think that most of our turnovers are careless, and I'd like to see us cut down on the careless ones."

The Mounties have six games left, and stay on the road this Saturday with a game against Millersville before returning to decker Gymnasium for a contest ext Wednesday, Friday 5, against Kutztown.

With the season winding down, the focus for the Mounties is on winning the East in the PSAC, and then go into the post season riding high.

Dave Coyle helps Mountie men to a third place at Invitational

by J.P. Fella
sports reporter

On Saturday, January 25, the Mansfield University Mountaineers track team competed at the Roberts Wesleyan College Invitational.

The mens' team competed against nine other teams and finished the meet in fourth place overall behind Brockport, Roberts Wesleyan, and Erie.

The top individual performer for the Mounties was Dave Coyle. Coyle finished first in the 500 meter race with a time of 1:09.7 and first in the 200 meter with a time of 24.3.

With his time, Coyle qualified for the ECAC meet in the 500 meters. He was also named the men's Outstanding Performer for the meet.

Another top finisher for the Mounties was the 4X800 meter relay team. The team, made up of Coyle, Doug Perry, Wilson Santiago, and Mike Lane, finished third with a time of 8:51.3.

Lane, also finished third in the 1000 meter with a time of 2:45.7.

Dana Vosburg finished fifth in the 1000 meters for Mansfield with a time of 2:46.4. Vosburg also finished in fourth place in the 3000 meter run with a time of 9:22.7.

Both Eric Franetti and Dave Banyar were ECAC qualifiers in the Pole Vault. They placed fifth and sixth respectively with vaults of 12'6" and 12".

The Mountie womens' team finished the meet in seventh place overall.

The highest placing individuals for the women were Kim Carman and Jill Barron. Carman finished third in the 50 meter hurdles and Barron finished third in the 3000 meter run.

The women's 4x400 relay team, consisting of Colleen Ryder, Carrie Aten, Brenda Hamm, and KimCarman, finished fourth with a total time of 4:55 seconds.

Carman also set a new Mansfield University record in the 50 meter hurdles with a time of 9.11.

MU wrestlers do not fare well at PSAC tourney

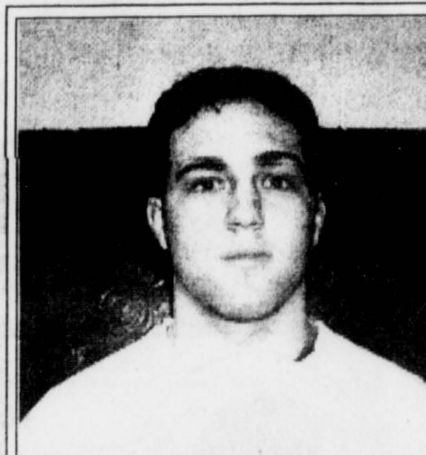


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Junior, Joel Brinker, is currently 28-5 this season at 150.

The Mansfield wrestling team came in last place at the PSAC Championship tournament.

Lock Haven won the State Championship for the second year in a row.

Brinker lost his first two matches. The first to Chris Stetter of Shippensburg. The second loss was by the slim margin of 3-2 on a controversial call by the referee.

Women's basketball drops two games

by Jill Mancini
sports reporter

On January 25, the Mansfield University Women's basketball team was defeated 76-53 by the Lady Rams of West Chester University.

Cheryl Farabaugh was the high scorer of the team with 17 points.

Deanna Brewster and Tracy Moser both tied with having nine rebounds each.

The Mounties were only 19-58, or 32.8% from the field throughout the game.

This past Wednesday, the Women's Basketball team resumed play at the home court of East Stroudsburg University.

Michele Jeffery was leading scorer with 18 points and Deanna Brewster had 13 rebounds.

In the first half the Mountaineers were dominated by the Warriors of East Stroudsburg.

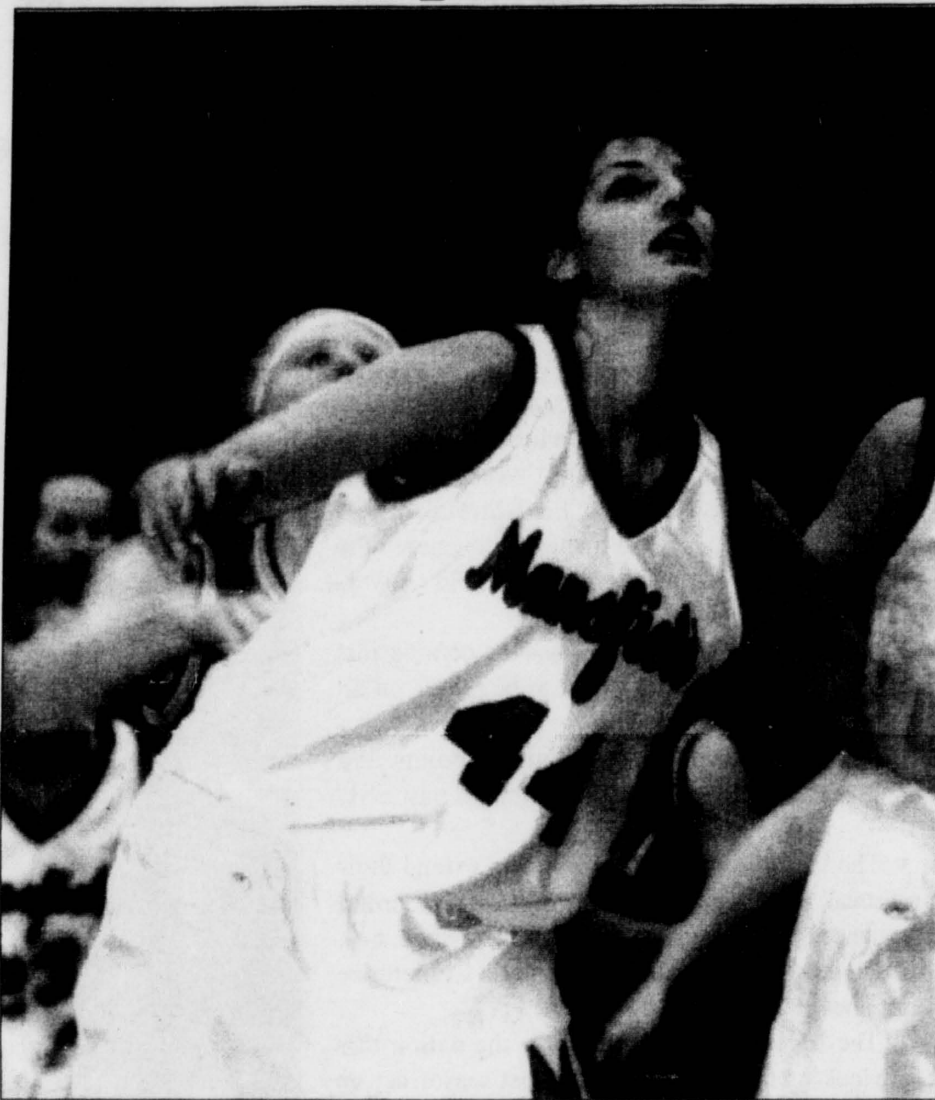
The Mounties, however, were able to turn the game around in the second half.

"Basically, we need to play for all 40 minutes," said Erin Fisher, a senior co-captain. "We were down at half-time, but we managed to come back in the second."

"Right now we are only playing about thirty minutes of the game," added Michele Jeffery, the Mounties other captain. "We need to pull it all together."

The Mounties were down by 14 points at halftime. Mansfield managed to pull within two points, 71-69, with 36 seconds left on a Jill Masker three-pointer.

The Mountaineers called a time-out and got the ball at half-court.



Freshman, Deanna Brewster, looks up to grab a rebound in the game against the East Stroudsburg Warriors

With Mansfield trailing by two points, Jill Masker went back court which turned over the ball and gave the Warriors the opportunity to score.

East Stroudsburg took advantage and scored four more points on foul shots.

Mansfield was forced to foul to get the ball back. The Warriors hit two more foul shots to put the game away.

"I was really pleased that the players showed improvement after a

dissappointing first half," said Mountaineer Head Coach Jennifer Lynch. "I was also very pleased with the confidence and leadership Michelle Jeffery played with down the stretch."

The final score was 75-69. The loss dropped Mansfield Mountaineers to 1-5 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and 4-14 overall.

The Mountaineers next game will be at Millersville University this Saturday.

Louis Judson leads Mansfield past the Rams

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mountaineers continued their nine game winning streak last Saturday against West Chester University.

The Mounties played a strong first half by posting a 41-33 lead by the intermission.

The Golden Rams fought back mid-way through the second period.

They pulled ahead of the Mounties 56-54 with 13:13 left to play in the game.

Louis Judson, just one of Mansfield's nationally ranked scoring leaders, rallied his team back to the lead. With the defensive help of freshman, Tommy Harvey, Judson and the Mountaineers pulled back into control.

Judson hit three foul shots just 10 seconds after the Rams went ahead. From here on the Mountaineers never lost the lead and dominated the remainder of the game.

Judson scored 13 of his 28 points in the last twelve minutes of the game.

Mansfield shot just over 50% from the floor versus the PSAC's toughest defense. In turn, they held West Chester to shooting only 31% from the floor.

"Juddy was the difference today," said Head Coach Tom Ackerman. "When things really got tight, he and Tommy [Harvey] took over and controlled the game."

MU Swimmers defeat Wells

by Jackie Williams
Sports Reporter

It is always a good sign when a team does not perform to the best of its abilities, yet still manages to pull off a win.

Such was the case on Monday night when the Mansfield University swimming and diving team raced against Wells to better their season record to 4-3.

Mansfield placed first in seven out of 12 events.

Senior, Amy Dugo, swimming in her last home meet at Mansfield University, took first places in both of her events. She won the 200 meter freestyle by nearly 17 seconds. She clocked in at 2:17.63. Dugo also finished ahead of the pack in the 500 freestyle with a time of 6:13.44.

Also placing first was junior Nikki Noaeill in the 50 meter freestyle with a time of 25.00. Sherri Weber received firsts in the 200 meter individual medley (2:37.08) and the 100 meter backstroke (1:12.49). Rona Kahle came in first with a time of 1:18.13 in the 100 meter butterfly.

"We are finally seeing the results of months of hard work and dedication paying off," says Dugo. "They have been lifting weights, dieting and spending long hours in the chlorine to chop seconds off their personal times."

The Mounties will swim again on Tuesday, February 4, at Misericordia College.

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The Mountaintop

Mountaineer athletes reaching the pinnacle of their potential



Kenny Woseley

Tommy Harvey



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Kenny Woseley, a senior transfer student from Akron and originally hailing from Brooklyn, New York, has twice been named the ECAC South Division II Player of the Week. So far he has recorded 14 double-double games this season. He helped spark the Mounties in their two important wins over Cheyney and Bloomsburg.

Tommy Harvey, a 5'9" freshman point guard has been named the PSAC East Rookie of the Week for four consecutive weeks. Harvey's defensive game is especially potent.

More sports

Change in Offense, Division I Transfers Boost Mansfield Men

special to the Flashlight

MANSFIELD (AP) - Tom Ackerman is a fan of Indiana coach Bobby Knight and his deliberate offense. So it's taking him some time to get used to the run-and-gun style he's coaching now at Mansfield University.

"It's killing me to give up 83.4 points a game," Ackerman acknowledged, "but it sure is fun to score 107.5."

Up-tempo basketball, and the presence of two Division I transfers, have helped Mansfield become the 13th-ranked team in Division II.

Senior forwards Lawrence Culver and Kenny Woseley are the primary reason the Mounties, at 12-2 and 4-0 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, are off to their best start since 1962-63.

"Everybody is talking basketball here," said sports information director Steve McCloskey, who normally spends his time touting Mansfield's powerful baseball team.

Opponents did not have to worry about frenzied crowds at Decker Gymnasium last year. They really didn't have to worry too much about the Mounties either. Mansfield finished 1-10 in their last 11 games, 1-11 in the PSAC and 10-16 overall.

But this year's team is winning with an exciting, up-tempo brand of ball that coach Tom Ackerman said he decided to install even before Culver and Woseley came aboard.

Ackerman said he decided on the change to make it easier to recruit to Mansfield, located in isolated north central Pennsylvania.

"We felt we'd have a real tough time attracting the kind of players we want to Mansfield, but we did feel we could attract good athletes, if not necessarily skilled basketball players," he said. "To do that, we needed a system that would take advantage of those talents."

Ackerman's old offense was defensive-oriented: in the previous seven seasons, Mansfield had four 100-point games. This year alone, the Mounties have had eight.

"This style gives us an opportunity to put spurts on people and I always thought basketball was a game of runs," he said. "This gives us an opportunity to make more and bigger runs. The only two games we haven't made runs in are the games we've lost."

It helps when the athletes are also players, as in the case with Culver and Woseley.

Both played last year for Division I Akron University, but both left halfway through the season after disagreements with coach Dan Hipscher, who was not the coach who recruited them.

They ended up in Mansfield due to their relationship with former Akron assistant coach Pat Donnelly, a former Mansfield player who is now on Ackerman's staff.

"I didn't know exactly where it was," said Culver, from Youngstown, Ohio. "I thought he was referring to (Mansfield) Ohio. I looked at the map and it was pretty far away from everything."

Woseley, from Brooklyn, also didn't know where Mansfield was, but

didn't care. "I had it in my mind I wanted to go somewhere I could prove myself," he said. "I felt I had a lot to prove."

Both are showing their skills in Ackerman's run-and-gun offense. Woseley is averaging 19.1 points a game, hitting 28-of-51 (55 percent) from 3-point range. Culver is averaging 16.1 points and 12.3 rebounds a game.

Three other Mounties are also averaging in double figures: senior guard Louis Judson (22.2), sophomore Steve Shannon (13.2) and freshman Tommy Harvey (11.2).

Ackerman said he hopes Woseley and Culver's impact on the team lasts more than just this season.

"Mansfield is not the easiest place to recruit to, but with the success we're having this year, it's amazing how many doors you can get your foot into," he said.

This story came from the National Associated Press. It is the first Feature story put out by the AP about Mansfield basketball in over a decade

Too much hype and not enough filler

Joe Wagner

Self proclaimed Superbowl guru

Great Googly Moogily! It's like 4:30 on Thursday night (er' Friday morning) and I, as the new sports editor am short a story. There is like about 3,000 characters worth of white space staring back at me from the computer screen. So.... I am making a command decision, mustering all the creative faculties left to me, and am writing a sports editorial.

UHHH...How 'bout that Superbowl XXI. You know, since I am such a big NFC fan, and because the Eagles began to really suck about two-thirds of the way into the season, I had to root for the Green Bay Packers.

Still, I was kind of pulling for the Patriots. I don't know about the rest of you armchair quarterbacks, but the hype before the game sucks the life right out of a mediocre contest like the one we watched last weekend.

When Favre completed his first touchdown pass just minutes into the game, I was seeing San Francisco and San Diego all over again. I did not want

a game like that one.

Actually, the only really decent thing about this year's Superbowl was that neither the Cowboys nor the Forty-Niners were in it. I absolutely hated watching these two teams beating inferior AFC opponents to a bloody pulp. I must be a romantic. When a team gets too big, too good, I just cannot cheer for them. I guess I just like the under-dog factor.

I didn't feel very bad rooting for the Packers. I really wanted to see Reggie White get a Superbowl Ring. But at first, it looked like it was going to be too easy for the Cheese-Heads from Title-Town.

When the Patriots pulled ahead after scoring two unanswered touchdowns, I felt that I had a decent excuse to root for the Packers. Then Desmond Howard immediately returned the kickoff for a score and the game was over. The balance of momentum switched and for the rest of the game it was pretty much a cake walk for the favorites.

When Howard did his little dance in the front of the end-zone I thought I knew what I could write about. I was going to skewer him for throwing the integrity of the blue-collared Pack-

ers into the same pit as what the Cowboys sunk into. But, after the game, in interviews, Howard was one of the meekest most humble Superbowl MVP I have ever heard of. So there went that idea. This year's Superbowl was about a great football team made up of a bunch of decent guys whuppin' the crap out of a team of guys who were just as decent but not so great. So do you follow my line of thinking? What I am trying to get at is that the Superbowl was as boring as figure skating.

HOWEVER... The commer-

cials this year weren't that bad. The Pepsi bear commercial was great, so was the Budweiser caveman one. But the Bob Dole Visa Check Card was a brilliant work of genius.

Well, I think that maybe I have typed enough to cover the blank hole in my final sports page. I can't believe that I am almost done.

And the next time I don't get a story I'm gonna' be the decent guy whuppin' the crap out of somebody. (I'm not being vindictive, just grumpy 'cause I a tired wittle boy.)

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Are Greeks on their way out? Frat chance

Fraternities might be down, but they aren't out says administration, brothers

By Darren A. Meehan
News editor

Mansfield University's number of fraternities decreased last semester, prompting many students to question the University's position on such organizations and fanned the rumor of an administrative plot to dissolve these chapters. Although compelling evidence supports such an idea, even fraternities themselves are quick to defend the school.

In the past year, Phi Kappa Theta, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Tau Gamma have all been refused recognition by the University. Phi Kappa Theta, who lost their recognition last spring, has since lost their charter and no longer has a chapter at Mansfield University.

But what does a fraternity need to do to be recognized by the university?

As Michael LeMasters, director of Residence Life, explains, "for the university to recognize them, fraternities must come up with an action plan to make sure problems do not occur and to make sure these behaviors don't continue so we don't have the problems we have seen over the past few semesters."

LeMasters went on to explain the procedures a fraternity must follow to get the university to recognize them once again.

"They must get their nationals involved and get an advisor and get him involved. What the university wants is an assurance that the problems we have had in the past will not continue. I hope these two chapters can make some changes and deal with their problems," LeMasters added. "These two fraternities have a history at this university and we want them to get their recognition restored, but it is up to them. The ball is in their hands."

"If we want to wipe out the greeks, we could just revoke all recognition."

Michael LeMasters,
Director of Residence Life

On campus, rumors have surfaced of a plan by the University to dissolve the Greek society. LeMasters denies these accusations, citing the benefits these fraternities provide the community.

"What people need to realize is that we extend recognition. If we want to wipe out the Greeks, we could just revoke all the recognition. I think our Greeks do a lot of excellent things by



File photo

Although the fraternity Lambda Chi Alpha is not on probation, a few others are, leading some to suggest the University plans to end the entire Greek society.

helping out in the community and the campus. I know if I need something done, I will call Greeks," LeMasters said.

Carmen Bianco, coordinator of Greek affairs, also denies these rumors, adding that the Greek society helps keep students in school.

"These clubs and organizations are a motivation for students to stay in school. We want these groups to flourish. I am Greek," Bianco said, "so I have a real interest in this, and I would be surprised if that was the case."

"In fact, not only is the school not trying to end them, but I am currently working on a program to make the Greek organizations stronger," Bianco added.

Community service is a key element of fraternities. Each fraternity supports local organizations or charities such as Adopt-A-Highway and the blood drives. They do this in addition to helping the campus.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, one of the fraternities on probation, assists the MU boxing team and provides security for events on campus, as well as joining other Greek organizations for special benefits.

If these fraternities busy themselves with charities, why are they the targets of disciplinary actions?

"Alcohol and a fight or damage to property are the types of things that cause scrutiny," LeMasters said, without specifying any individual fraternity.

Each fraternity faced different problems. Tau Kappa Epsilon recently appeared in court to answer charges

stemming from an incident during last year's annual formal.

Bill Koepke, president of the MU chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon, acknowledges the fraternities's mistakes and claims full responsibility.

"As of now, we are not recognized by the university. We screwed up last semester, but we're trying to pay our bills, pay for the fire hall and prove to the university that we can go along with the system," he said.

"The community let us use a facility and trusted us to take care of it. We didn't, and we can't blame anyone but ourselves. Right now, we're just trying to show the community that we have changed," Koepke said.

Koepke also remarked on the current reputation being molded about fraternities.

"Right now, the overall reputation is bad. Unfortunately, one bad apple can spoil the whole bunch," Koepke said. "We don't want to see the entire Greek system embarrassed."

A representative from Alpha Chi Rho agrees. "One person with Greek letters does one bad thing and it can make everyone look evil."

When a fraternity or sorority loses recognition, they have two years to prove themselves worthy to the University. If the group proves themselves worthy of the school's recognition, they will regain the status they maintained before the incident. When questioned on the likelihood of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Sigma Tau Gamma returning, LeMasters was confident.

"In my time here, I have never seen any sorority or fraternity that failed to meet the expectations of the university. These two groups know what they have to do," LeMasters continued, "and they are working closely with Carmen Bianco to resolve the matter."

Bianco responded with hopeful confidence and congratulated the fraternities on their progress.

"I must applaud Tau Kappa Epsilon for the things they have done. And also Sigma Tau Gamma, they're both really trying and are in weekly contact with me to get things back together," Bianco said.

Working closely with the ad-

"We want them to get their recognition restored but... (it) is in their hands."

Carmen Bianco,
Coordinator of Greek Affairs

ministration usually guarantees a fraternity's return, but Ben Derby, former president of Phi Kappa Theta has seen another side. "No, they didn't give us any support and they made no effort to see it from our point of view," he said, "we did many things for the community and the campus, but, when we needed support from the administration, we got none."

Alpha Chi Rho, a fraternity still recognized by the university, maintains the administration's position, and credits Bianco with his straightforward approach. "He won't beat around the bush. If there is a concern, he will call us in and say, 'This is what I've heard, now let's hear your story.'"

The representative, who requests his name remain anonymous, says Alpha Chi Rho and Lambda Chi Alpha are working together to keep things going.

And, as the leaders of these two continue with the tradition, some students quickly blame the leaders of the others for all their problems.

LeMasters disagrees.

"I think we put too much pressure on the leaders. If the followers don't want to listen, they won't," he said. "In one of the cases, the fraternity tried to do things right, but one thing wrong can really bite you."

Koepke added, "Everybody is to be blamed. The president is not the only leader. It is up to everybody to set an example and it is a give and take, but the president is the elected individual who answers for everyone."

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Saturday, February 1, 1997
12:30 pm Auditions in Steadman Theatre

3 pm Corey Gochenaur Senior Saxophone Recital in Steadman Theatre

8 pm Fine Arts Series Presents Castalia Trio (piano, violinist, cello) in Steadman Theatre

Sunday, February 2, 1997
3:30 pm Stephen McEuen/Michael Galloway, Trombone/Trumpet Duo Faculty Recital in Steadman Theatre

Monday, February 3, 1997
Notice: Last day to turn in "Incomplete" grades

Tuesday, February 4, 1997

1 pm Ebony discussion hour at MLK Center

Wednesday, February 5, 1997
6 pm Women's basketball at home vs. Kutztown

8 pm Men's basketball at home vs. Kutztown

9 pm MAC Coffeehouse at The HUT

Thursday, February 6, 1997
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Black Panther founder to speak at University

by Gene Yager
managing editor

Bobby Seale, co-founder and former chairman of the Black Panthers, will speak at Mansfield University, Wednesday, February 12 at 7pm in Allen lecture hall.

The Mansfield Activities Council cultural affairs chairperson Vince Simmons decided to bring Seale to MU to commemorate Black history month.

"I was just looking to do something for Black History Month, and I ran across the idea of the Black Panthers"

Simmons said.

According to Simmons, many people are not aware of what the Black Panthers stood for.

"We really need to get a better idea on what the Black Panthers stood for, and what they were all about" Simmons said.

Seale co-founded the Black Panther Party for Self Defense along with Huey P. Newton in 1966.

According to a press release, the Black Panthers advocated the right to self defense and moved to organize a realistic "Power to the people" revolution.

"I was looking at other people but I wanted somebody who could make an impact, and Bobby Seale can make a big impact on a campus" Simmons said.

Simmons is looking forward to a large audience turning out for the former Black Panther.

"I am hoping that people come from Williamsport, Elmira, and Corning" Simmons said.

According to Simmons, if it appears that there will indeed be a very large turnout, he may attempt to move the event to Steadman Theatre, if it is available.

Tickets are free to the public.



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Black Panther co-founder Bobby Seale

Opinions differ on proposed withdrawal policy

by Katie Long
Staff reporter

A recent suggested change in the Mansfield University withdrawal policy has drawn many different opinions from both students and faculty. The current policy allows students

"It's a tough issue. Nobody likes change," said Dr. Enrico Serine, director of the Academic Advising Center. "I would prefer it to stay the same."

He stated that he thought that the reason behind the change was that students were abusing the previous policy of being able to withdrawal at the last minute. "Students can't afford to abuse it," Serine said.

He said that the students should understand the professors point of view, that being that professors spend lots of time in teaching and preparation only to

have students withdrawal.

He stated that if students withdrew from all of their classes, they would not get very far in their education. Serine thinks that the provost, Dr. Joseph Moore, is "trying to make students make decisions sooner."

Other opinions supported Serine. Deborah Cleveland, sophomore, said that, "I can't see where it benefits anybody."

Another student explained that she felt mixed about it.

"In some ways, it is going to hurt them [the students]. They are going to be in trouble," said Joan Szagent. "However, it could benefit the students, so they have extra time to study for other classes."

She also said that students should be aware that by ten weeks, so they can withdrawal and concentrate

their studies in the remaining classes.

"The change of 10 weeks to nine weeks...big deal. One week doesn't make a difference," said Michael Leiboff, director of communications.

Dr. Vernon Lapps, communications professor, said that the new policy will demand that students plan better.

"I don't think it will effect me one way or the other, but it will hurt the sloppier students. It doesn't hurt the good students any," Lapps said.

He also said that the old policy led to bad habits, and that the policy encouraged those students with bad discipline to continue their habits.

Other students think that it is a good idea to extend the period for freshman because they need the added time.

"I don't withdrawal, but it sounds good especially for freshman because it's their first year," said Tisha

Hallock, sophomore.

"I think that it is better for the freshman and sophomores because they haven't begun to specialize. They need an adjustment period, and juniors and seniors have already adjusted," said Kelly Schrader, freshman.

Noelle Werking, junior, said that she doesn't feel that the policy change will make much difference.

"Is the added time going to make that much difference in the person's standing in the class?" she asked.

Teresa Stack, freshman thinks "it is an excellent idea because freshmen and sophomores are still trying to figure out what they are doing."

Most of the students and faculty that were asked about the policy agreed that the new policy could be beneficial for freshmen and sophomores because they are still in their transitional stage and need extra time.

Dow Corning CEO speaks in North Hall reading room

Thomas A. Jones
Staff Reporter

On January 28, 1997 Jaime Hoten, former CEO of Dow Corning Inc. visited Mansfield University and a select number of students.

According to University President Rod Kelchner, "Jaime Hoten is still very active in Dow Corning, which is one of the Fortune 500 companies."

Jaime Hoten said to Mansfield Students, "I don't have many profound thoughts to pass on to you. The world is changing, but the dynamics of a successful industry are still the same."

According to Hoten, "There are 4 ways an industry can succeed. Having

better people, better technology, more money, or larger base of resources. Money and technology will flow around the world. The way of the future will be about people. People are the greatest competitive edge a company can have.

SGA President Mark Smith asked Hoten what he saw on the Mansfield campus that he didn't see last time he was here.

Hoten replied, "North Hall, that fabulous library. It's really world class stuff."

Hoten continued by saying that the National Skills Standards Board is not an easy game.

"Trying to establish a set of voluntary national skills applicable to

high schools is very difficult," Hoten said. "There are three levels of knowledge. From the Basic 3 r's to the very specific which only apply to a particular job."

The key, according to Hoten, is finding a generic set of standards applicable across the economy.

"These standards help teachers know what they have to teach," Hoten said.

The importance of human skills each job demands depends on the job Hoten said in response to a question by a student.

"A plant was started in Blacksburg Virginia," said Hoten, "in the old days, the plant would have managers and workers asked to check their

brains at the door. The plant in Virginia has a manager, teams of intelligent workers and that's it."

According to Hoten, everyone has to be treated as a professional.

When he was asked about the preferences Private school students are given over State school students, Hoten responded that there is no preference given to private school students.

Responding to another student question, Hoten said, "In my view any company that does not invest in lifelong education is going to fail. I don't want government money in my company, but I don't want to educate workers from a failing public school system."

In conclusion Hoten spoke about the importance of international studies.

International discussion hour focuses on women leaders

Joey West
Staff Reporter

The International Discussion Hour was held Wednesday afternoon with Annie Cooper, the Director of Multi Cultural Affairs heading the meeting. Most of the students who participated, all MU students, are originally from foreign countries.

The subjects discussed were women

leaders from around the world and the history of the countries from where the students are from.

The group was at a disagreement about how women leaders came to be in power. Some members of the group came to the idea that some women came to power after their husbands or other relatives "were stopped, either killed or whatever," said Cooper.

But Cooper said that the women had to, "show a lot of ability and a lot of

strength," and that they did not come to power, "out of sympathy," said Cooper.

Also discussed was why there are not more female leaders around the world. A student from Sri Lanka pointed out that they had the first female prime minister in the world. He said that after Sri Lanka gained their independence in 1948, they elected the first female prime minister in the world.

Cooper also said that some countries had a king and queen in their govern-

ment and that some people may still, "have that grain in them," said Cooper.

A student from Kenya talked about how the British had colonized her country in the 50's and 60's. She said that they brought in a lot of missionaries to teach Christianity. She said, "they thought our people were more like savages", and not a country of good decent people.

She continued by saying, "the British took over a lot of land from the African people."

Campus Voices

by Brent McCallus

"What do you think of the color choice of the new
rec center



Warren Anderson freshman

"I am ok with the way the color is
now.



Nakisha Pinkett freshman

"The color is loud. It doesn't match
with the other colors on campus."



Matthew D. Noldy Junior

"The color should be black and red to
support school spirit opposed to
promoting alien relations."



Jodie Lindner freshman

"It's ok, I really don't mind the
color."

from Discussion pg.1

"Mau Mau, which literally means, the white people should go back to their own country," was the belief of her country to get the British to leave, she added.

Further discussion was about Russia and their role in WWII and about the current president, Boris Yelstin. "He is fighting for independence," the student said. Although he does not really know

if he will be able to gain complete independence since Yelstin, who had heart surgery a couple of weeks ago, is not in good health at this time and he is under a lot of pressure from other country men to step down.

"I think it was a war for independence," he said about WWII.

The International Discussion Hour is held every Thursday at noon in the Martin Luther King room on the first floor of Memorial Hall.

Police Beat

01/31/97

00:55 Female subject fell off boyfriends back while riding piggy back. Female hurt her shoulder and neck. EMT on floor called 911 to dispatch ambulance. 911 dispatched ambulance and notified MU car 1.

10:15 Person(s) entered Zanzibar in unknown manner (no force), removed right side moulding from rear storage room door and did use force on door latch. Unknown at this time if entry was gained.

20:45 Complainant advised hall window on 6th floor (South Side) was broken. Two people were reported to be fighting in the hallway before window was broken.

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18:25 Complainant advised the tail light of her vehicle was kicked out. On checking vehicle, it appeared the lens was broken by being hit by or backing into another vehicle.

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00:50 Assisted MPD in checking a vehicle involved in an accident on Brookland Street. Driver

and passenger possibly injured fled from scene on foot.

10:30 Misuse of parking permit.

08:50 Student receiving hangup calls during the night.

12:15 Persons entered the custodial breakroom in Maple Hall (no-force) and took a key out of a desk drawer.

13:10 Theft from Library.

15:50 Obscene phone call.

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08:45 Assist PA State Police-Warrant service arrested person by warrant for traffic violations.

11:10 Harassment by communication-student receiving harassing phone calls.

12:20 Unattended, parked vehicle hit by attended vehicle that accidentally rolled backwards.

14:30 Vehicle damaged while parked in commuter parking lot.

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10:05 Minor motor vehicle accident.

14:00 Minor motor vehicle accident.

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PG	Evita	12:20 3:30 6:45 9:40 12:10
PG	Zeus and Roxanne	11:50 2:05
PG13	Fierce Creatures	4:25 6:55 9:20 11:40

"Goldenrod" chosen for recreation center color

By Thomas A. Jones
Staff reporter

The brick-red exterior now on the soon to be completed Recreation Center will not remain for long. It will be officially be painted Goldenrod, said Athletic Director Hugh Schintzius.

"Initially we wanted a different texture, a richer color, and what could be richer than Gold?" Schintzius asked.

Of the recreation center, Schintzius explained that the bright color was chosen to brighten things up. He explained that the center would be a massively boring building on Academy street, so it was decided that it needed some color.

"Down Academy Street there would have been a 45 foot high solid brick wall. If we had wrapped the red brick around the front it would have been the most massively boring building in the solar system," Schintzius said.

Vice President of Student Affairs Joseph Maresco claims that the building will be painted gold because so much brick face, with no windows,

tended to make the university look institutionalized.

"The architect and I looked at a couple of a things," Schintzius said. "In the color spectrum, red and gold are in the same part of the spectrum. Gold reminded us of the golden rule."

Schintzius said that by painting the building gold to remind students of the golden rule students might play more fairly inside the building.

"How you treat people is how people treat you," Schintzius said.

Maresco seemed to disagree as to how the building color was decided upon.

"It was not Mr. Schintzius who decided what color to paint the building. It was part of the overall design of the building," Maresco said. "The colors seemed to complement each other."

"The color will convey a sense of energy," Schintzius said.

According to Maresco, "The color fit the general nature of the building."

Schintzius urges students to view the building next week before passing judgment.

"Look at it next week, without the scaffolding," Schintzius said.



photo by Megan Sallade

The newly built rec center has been painted a color labeled as goldenrod. Recreation director Hugh Schintzius. According to Schintzius, by painting the rec center yellow, it would remind students of the golden rule, and to play more fairly inside the building.

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New senators elected to SGA

by Brent McCallus
Staff Reporter

On Monday, February third Mansfield Student Government Association held their weekly meeting in 214 Memorial Hall.

Highlighting the meeting was the appointment of five new senators to SGA.

According to Mark Smith,

student government president, the spots were vacant as a result of a combination of lack of interest on the part of several senators, as well as two senators deciding to leave.

According to Smith, the vacancies were preventing student government from progressing with the year.

"The elections were my idea, I then discussed it with Maresco and the senators on the board. We

wanted to fill the seats and get on with the semester."

Over a dozen students responded to the call for replacement sga senators. The five students who won the seats by vote of the standing sga senate included, Mio Kamitani, Susan Pottichen, Warren Anderson, Mike McClosky, and Cindy Albano.

According to Smith, Pottichen and Albano were exceptional cases.

"Sue has been to many meetings in the past, and Cindy is very involved and has been a great senator in the past."

Smith is optimistic about the newly elected senators, as well as with the rest of the semester for student government.

"I think they will do a good job, we will see what happens. I'm looking forward to the rest of the semester with a good senate."

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February 25:

Food & Clothing Drive.

February 26 from 7-9pm:

Forum (Topic TBA) in room 204 Memorial Hall.

February 27:

Movie Nite in Allen Hall.

February 28 from 8-10pm:

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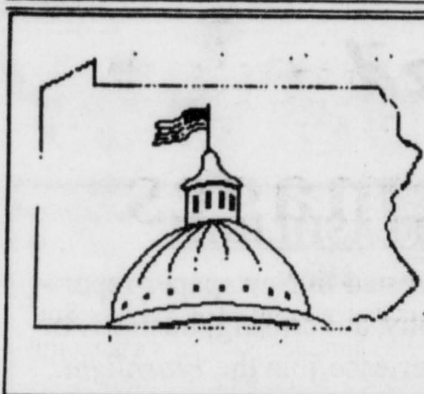
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Pennsylvania in the news

du Pont circus continues with defense psychiatrists

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — Lawyers for John E. du Pont press on with their relentless effort to prove their client's insanity today when they begin questioning a third psychiatrist in du Pont's murder trial.

Dr. Robert Sadoff was scheduled to take the stand to bolster two other defense experts' diagnosis that du Pont is a paranoid schizophrenic who did not realize he was wrong to kill Olympic wrestler David Schultz last year.

Jurors in Delaware County Common Pleas Court have so far heard testimony from University of Maryland schizo-

nosis, or Bulgarian wrestler Valentin Jordanov, whom du Pont considered a very close friend.

Other witnesses testified Wednesday about instances in the months and days before the Jan. 26, 1996, shooting that illustrated what appeared to be du Pont's growing fears that someone on his farm was out to kill him.

Longtime du Pont family landscaper William "Terry" McDonnell was part of a daylong effort by the defense to erode the credibility of Patrick Goodale, a key prosecution witness who was in du Pont's car the day du Pont killed the Olympic gold medalist.

Du Pont, 58, an heir to his family's vast chemical fortune, is charged with murdering Schultz, 36, outside the home where the wrestler lived with his wife and children. Schultz had been training in elaborate wrestling facilities located on du Pont's Newtown Square estate, Foxcatcher.

Defense lawyers say du Pont is innocent by reason of insanity.

Goodale has told investigators he and du Pont were inspecting storm damage on the estate when du Pont inexplicably drove down Schultz's driveway and gunned him down.

McDonnell said he confronted ex-Marine Goodale the night of the shooting at the fire house where police negotiators had set up shop.

"I questioned why he couldn't have stopped it. I asked him, 'Weren't you packed?'" McDonnell told defense lawyer Taras Wochok. "He said, 'Yes, I had a pistol in my leg ankle, but Terry, I was bailing out.'"

Goodale previously testified that he did not point his weapon at du Pont until he had gotten out of du Pont's car and the multimillionaire had fired all three shots into Schultz.

Defense lawyers also questioned a stamp collector who said du Pont was at his Ardmore store about the same time Goodale told investigators he met with du Pont shortly before the shooting.

Defense lawyers have tried to paint a picture of Goodale as someone milking du Pont's wealth while feeding into his paranoia by implementing extreme security measures on the estate.

*"Yes, I had a pistol in
my leg ankle but I
was bailing out."*

ex-marine Patrick Goodale

phrenia researcher and clinician Dr. William Carpenter and renowned forensic psychiatrist Dr. Phillip Resnick. All three psychiatrists were paid to evaluate du Pont and testify.

On Wednesday, Resnick reiterated his conclusion that du Pont thought he was justified in killing Schultz. Resnick said du Pont's psychotic mind perceived Schultz to be part of an international conspiracy to assassinate him.

But during hostile cross examination by First Assistant District Attorney Joseph McGettigan, Resnick conceded that none of the people he interviewed about du Pont ever said the multimillionaire believed Schultz to be a "terrorist," "assassin" or part of an "international conspiracy."

Resnick made another potentially damaging statement when he told McGettigan that du Pont recognized that police surrounding his home after the shooting considered Schultz's death a homicide.

Resnick insisted that du Pont did not think he had done anything wrong because his psychotic delusions led him to believe that the incident should be handled by international authorities, not local police.

McGettigan also took Resnick to task for not interviewing Schultz's wife, Nancy, in reaching his psychiatric diag-

White Supremacists caught looting in Ohio

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The leader of the Aryan Nation in Pennsylvania recruited young white supremacists for a bank-robbery gang that zigzagged across the Midwest for two years, authorities said Thursday.

An conspiracy indictment also identified Michael W. Brescia of Philadelphia as the fifth member of the robbery gang, which called itself the Aryan Republican Army and the Midwestern Bank Bandits. Four others were indicted on robbery charges last year.

For two years, the gun-and-bomb-toting gang crossed the Midwest, hitting at least 22 banks in seven states and netting a reported \$250,000. The group reportedly sent the proceeds of the crime spree to groups sympathetic to the white supremacist cause.

Federal authorities say some of the money also went to Mark Thomas of Macungie for his recruitment efforts.

Thomas and the other four indicted Thursday were charged with conspiracy in seven of the robberies.

The previous indictment charging robbery already named three also named Thursday — Peter K. Langan, identified as the gang's leader; and two Philadelphia-area men, Scott Stedeford and Kevin McCarthy.

In addition, the new indictment names the fourth originally charged, Richard Lee Guthrie Jr., but he committed suicide last summer shortly after pleading guilty in 19 bank robberies and agreeing to cooperate.

According to the indictment, Thomas recruited McCarthy, a former drug addict and 10th-grade dropout, and Scott

Stedeford, who has been convicted of bank robbery in Iowa. McCarthy and Stedeford helped recruit Brescia, the indictment says.

Thomas, active nationally in the white supremacist movement, has acknowledged knowing McCarthy and Stedeford.

In an interview last summer, Thomas said he acted like a father figure to McCarthy, 19, taking him into his home and then to Elohim City, a white supremacist compound near Muldrow, Okla.

Brescia lived at Elohim City with Andreas Strassmeir, a German national whom Timothy McVeigh attempted to call 12 days before the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

Strassmeir, who has returned to Germany, has said he met McVeigh briefly in 1993 at a Tulsa, Okla., gun show but has not spoken with him since. Residents of Elohim City have said McVeigh's call never reached Strassmeir.

McCarthy, who is expected to plead guilty next month to conspiracy charges in six robberies, has been cooperating with authorities, giving them an inside look into the Aryan Republic Army.

Thomas said he met Stedeford, 28, through McCarthy. Stedeford faces a sentence of at least 30 years on his Iowa conviction.

Thomas has refused to comment on FBI reports that he introduced Stedeford and Guthrie.

The fourth man originally charged, Langan, 38, is now under trial in two Ohio bank robberies.

Peg Bailey reminisces about the good life in South Dakota

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP) — Peg Bailey remembers her childhood winters in South Dakota. Hard winters, they were, of bone-chilling temperatures and snow drifts 10 to 20 feet high.

Some days, the only sunshine to be found was in a bowl of bright yellow lemons on the kitchen table.

Bailey seized on the sight of those lemons as, "a reminder that the sun and spring could not be far away."

Thus began a lifelong love affair with the tart fruit. The romance eventually led Bailey, who maintains homes in Virginia and suburban Washington, D.C., to write a cookbook, aptly titled, "The Lemon Lovers Cookbook" (\$18.95, Longstreet Press Inc., Atlanta, Ga.).

Released in November, this charming book illustrated by Laura L. Seeley, is like a ray of sunshine, a welcome kitchen companion in the winter weeks ahead.

And with California and Florida lemons now at their peak and in juicy abundance on local supermarket shelves, there's no better time to try out some of Bailey's recipes.

From lemon chutney to lemon chocolate truffles, the book spotlights this fruit's versatility in ways that transcend mere lemon meringue pie.

It is that very versatility that accounts in large measure for Bailey's fascination with lemons.

"It's a fruit you can use with every part of the meal," Bailey says in a phone interview. "You can use it from appetizers to condiments to entrees and desserts. If you think about it, there are very few

things in the food world that can lay claim to that."

The wife of a career naval officer, Bailey, now in her 50s, is a seasoned world traveler in her own right, with an insatiable appetite for far-flung places.

"I have a low threshold for boredom," she says, with a laugh.

Though a lifelong lemon-lover, Bailey's passion for lemons piqued while living on Malta. That Mediterranean island's proximity to Sicily, Greece and Portugal introduced Bailey to a rainbow of regional dishes using lemons. Lemons not only are featured prominently in Mediterranean cuisine, they also are a colorful and flavorful garnish.

"They always have a slice of lemon on the plate," says Bailey. "Any kind of meat, any kind of fish, anything."

With ports-of-call in Europe, the Far East and the Hawaiian islands, the book reads like a culinary travelogue.

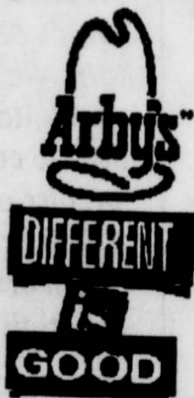
From Italy comes a zesty lemon pesto, Risotto al Limone (lemon rice) and a cold, fresh summer tomato sauce of ripe plum tomatoes, garlic and basil leaves with a generous portion of fresh lemon juice.

From Hawaii, there is a lemony vegetable tempura. From Greece, marinated mushrooms, a hot artichoke dip and lemon-pepper chicken.

A Portuguese recipe for braised pork with lemon is a savory combination of lemon juice, white wine, cumin and coriander.

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Around the Nation

U.S. government attacks terrorists with military

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States reserves the right to use force to nab terrorists held in foreign countries that refuse to cooperate with their extradition, according to a declassified Clinton administration directive obtained by The Associated Press.

The "presidential decision directive," obtained Tuesday, contains a passage that apparently was made public inadvertently by security officials who reviewed it before declassification.

"If we do not receive adequate cooperation from a state that harbors a terrorist whose extradition we are seeking, we shall take appropriate measures to induce cooperation," the directive states. "Return of suspects by force may be effected without the cooperation of the host government."

President Clinton signed the directive, PDD-39, on June 21, 1995.

The paragraph on forceful return of suspected terrorists was given an "(S)" marking, for secret. All the other paragraphs in the 11-page document that are so marked were blacked out by security censors. The rest of the paragraphs that censors allowed to be released carry the "(U)" label, for unclassified.

A senior White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity said the release of the forceful-return paragraph was inadvertent.

The directive covers an activity previously undertaken by U.S. authorities, particularly in connection with drug and terrorist cases. The document came less than a year after the United States resolved a heated disagreement with Mexico over cross-border kidnappings

by banning the practice in each other's territory.

The November 1994 agreement prohibiting such "grab and snatch" operations followed an acrimonious dispute over the 1990 abduction of a Mexican doctor wanted in connection with the torture-slaying of a U.S. drug agent in Mexico. A Supreme Court ruling upholding the abduction engineered by U.S. authorities sparked an uproar in Mexico.

Some speculated that the Mexico agreement would lead the Clinton administration to approve a broader ban on forceful apprehension of terrorists in foreign lands. PDD-39 takes the opposite tack.

The White House official underscored this point, noting that the Mexico agreement applies only in the United States and Mexico. The language in PDD-39 gives the United States the option to nab terrorists throughout the rest of the world.

Much of the document sorts out in detail the problem of agency jurisdiction in terrorism cases. The State Department is the lead agency for terrorist acts that occur in foreign countries, for example. The Federal Aviation Administration has exclusive responsibility in cases of air piracy for coordination of law enforcement activity. The Federal Emergency Management Agency coordinates the response to terrorism directed at U.S. populations.

In other respects, the document makes clear the high priority the United States places on terrorism and a generally hard-line response to terrorists.

Jury fines Simpson \$8.5 M in damages

NEW YORK (AP) — Once again the United States held its breath and waited for a verdict on O.J. Simpson.

And once again reaction seemed to explode along starkly racial lines: a black verdict and a white verdict, in the public's mind and in the courtroom.

Acquitted 16 months ago by a mostly black jury of murdering ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, found liable Tuesday by a mostly white jury and ordered to pay \$8.5 million in compensatory damages.

"I knew all along, I've always known, that he did it," former Simpson prosecutor Christopher Darden said Wednesday morning on NBC's "Today" show. "I knew that sooner or later, a jury would also point the finger of guilt at O.J.

"They tried to break him, but he'll make money somewhere else."

Simpson."

Anise Aschenbach, one of two white jurors in the criminal trial, said she was "tickled" by the verdict.

"I've always felt like he actually did it. ... But that it wasn't proven beyond a reasonable doubt," she told NBC. "You know that's really hard to explain to people sometimes."

A national telephone poll taken by ABC News immediately after the verdict found two-thirds of adults — 74 percent of white respondents but only 23 percent of black respondents — agree with the jury's decision.

At Mezzaluna, the Los Angeles restaurant where Nicole Brown Simpson ate her last meal and Ronald Goldman worked as a waiter, shouts of "Yes!" and enthusiastic claps followed each finding against the former football superstar.

"Oh, thank God," said Laurie McCormick, a Brentwood stockbroker. "Now, let's get the (Simpson) kids where they belong." Simpson won a court battle with his ex-wife's parents for custody of

his town children.

Reaction was bitter at Sylvia's Soul Food Restaurant in New York's predominantly black Harlem neighborhood.

"It's a disgrace," declared an angry Rudy Battle, a construction contractor from New York.

"No witnesses, and you're charging a man," said Battle, who is black. "No witnesses. This is sick. No witnesses, not even one."

Said bartender Julian Williams, 23, also black: "It's a lack of consistency. He was acquitted for the murder. How can they find him innocent of murder and liable?"

Brad Mizelle, a 44-year-old white man visiting the restaurant from Kingston, North Carolina, said, "I feel like the families deserve some compensation. I don't like the fact it was ever made racial."

But at a Winchell's doughnut shop in predominantly black South Central Los Angeles, James Williams, 73, said the case was about race from the start.

"They tried to break him, but he'll make money somewhere else," said Williams, who is black. "They were determined to get a white jury, that's why they got the black one (juror) off, to make sure that they won."

The only black juror was removed last Friday, the fourth day of deliberations, for failing to disclose that her daughter was a secretary in the district attorney's office that prosecuted Simpson's murder trial.

Others wondered where Simpson will find the money to pay the compensation to the families of the victims.

"If the guy got away with it, just let him go. Eight-point-five million does not bring Nicole back," said Karla Cabado, a 45-year-old Hispanic woman, at Gold's Gym in southwest Dade County, Florida. "Let it rest."

At the Potrero Hill Recreation Center in San Francisco, where Simpson played as a boy, a group of people echoed those sentiments as they interrupted a basketball game to listen to the news. They, too, said they were ready to move on to other things.

Peruvian President meets with Albright in Washington D.C.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori meets Monday with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright after pledging to open negotiations for a peaceful end to the hostage crisis in Lima.

Fujimori, who will also discuss the standoff with the Organization of American States while in Washington, made the pledge Saturday at a meeting in Toronto with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto.

Fujimori said he was willing to open a "preliminary dialogue" with the rebels holding 72 hostages at the Japanese ambassador's residence. He said that dialogue would produce a "realistic" agenda for formal negotiations.

Fujimori told The Washington Post in a story published Sunday that the rebels have agreed "implicitly" not to seek the release of hundreds of imprisoned comrades and work to resolve the crisis "according to Peruvian law."

The Tupac Amaru rebels stormed the compound Dec. 17, demanding that 300 of their jailed comrades be freed. Rebel commander Nestor Cerpa repeated that demand Saturday from the residence, saying talks remained deadlocked because the demand hadn't been met.

But Fujimori said the rebels have agreed to omit the demand from a joint agenda for dialogue that has been under discussion in private contacts. "For us that is an advance," he said.

In a human rights report submitted to Congress on Thursday, the State Department said conditions in Peruvian jails are extremely hard, especially for prisoners held for terrorist cases.

Fujimori is to address the condition and the crisis in general in a speech he is to deliver to the political council of the OAS immediately after the Albright meeting.

He is scheduled to return to Peru later Monday.

Irish Republican Army soldier seeking political asylum, deported

BLOOMFIELD, N.J. (AP) — Home from his work at a construction site in New York, Noel Gaynor walks up the stairs to his second-story home tucked away in a quiet neighborhood. He kisses his wife and hugs his two young daughters.

It's a typical scene of suburban family life. It's a life Gaynor cherishes. A life the U.S. government says is founded on a lie.

Gaynor is a former member of the Irish Republican Army, and the government says he lied on his immigration forms when he denied being convicted of a crime.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service wants to deport him. Gaynor is seeking political asylum, contending that pro-British loyalists in Northern Ireland want him dead.

"If I go back, they will shoot me and kill me," he says. "I don't want to put my family in that situation."

Gaynor, 43, served 13 1/2 years in

prison in Northern Ireland for his role as an IRA lookout in the 1973 killing of a British constable. He was released in 1990.

He says he told that to INS officials, but marked "no" in a box on an immigration form that asked whether he had ever been convicted of a crime — because, he says, he was a political prisoner, not a criminal.

"In my mind, I've never been convicted of a criminal act," he said.

The INS gave Gaynor a visa in 1990 and renewed it for three years.

"Then, out of the blue, they said he was too dangerous," said his wife, Colleen, 34. "I don't understand it."

Gaynor was arrested and jailed in February 1993. He is free on a \$50,000 bond that emptied the bank account of his wife's parents.

The INS says whatever difficulties Gaynor may face in Northern Ireland would be due to his crime, not his politics or religion.

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Internet pornography: the virtually naked opinions

If one deals solely with the earthly, humanistic values and moralities of society, a society based on freedom and on the instant gratification of desire, pornography is justifiable.

Since we have established pornography as a moral un-wrongness, we must now realize that we do not have the right to suppress pornography. We do not have this right only because others have the right to view pornography. It is only logical that one's rights cannot infringe upon another's rights.

Some people find it offensive to view another enjoying his right to public prayer. Still, despite the offense to the other, the praying man still has the right to pray to anything he chooses.

Therefore, since our society is based on equality and fair play, one must assume that this travels in the inverse as well. A person offended by pornography cannot make one enjoying a pornographic magazine destroy his magazine. Our society must accept what it considers both unfavorable and favorable, whatever it may be, to remain what it stands for.

This logic does have its limits. Of course pictures of young children in various stages of undress and nudity should be disallowed. There is, however, an age at which one takes control of his life and makes his own decisions. The age that our society has set for this new found realization and responsibility is 18.

Photographs of grown men and women in the nude is acceptable. Everyone has a choice as to how they want to spend their time or how they want to live their life.

But, others argue the use of pornography in any sense is offensive to anyone who views it, although they may not realize it. Although censorship is not a stance that should be fully supported, it should apply to many forms of pornography.

In this day and age people have access to the internet and any material that may be retrieved there. Young children are able to download anything from graphic images of Pamela Lee to pictures of adults, or children, in sexually explicit positions.

This material forces the child into a negative growth process and gives them a negative view of the human body and sexuality. Every child sees things they shouldn't see and hears things they shouldn't hear, but this is easier to access and dangerous.

If this freedom of speech is inappropriate for young minds, then perhaps it should not be allowed to be available to the public so readily. Freedom of speech is a valuable commodity, and the internet is passive in protecting children.

Parents are ultimately responsible for policing their children's entertainment, but they could use some help. But what about on college campuses?

Every one of us can go into the library and access nude photos of famous people and not so famous people. We could spend hours surfing the net finding the basest forms of pleasure and there wouldn't be a problem. Most of us are mature enough to know these are just pictures and they probably won't mentally harm us.

But they do harm the student waiting around to type a term paper. The internet is a luxury, and the porno on the internet is disgusting and a roadblock to our education, despite the valuable information readily available.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Opinions

More computer professors needed

Letter to the Editor,

Since I am a Computer Science Major, my opinion is obviously biased. Still, I think that almost any student would find it somewhat unsettling that the university will not hire another person to teach Computer Science. This is even more disturbing since there is some consideration being given to adding a computer course as a general ed requirement.

The Computer Science program is one of the more successful programs at this university. Many of its students leave here and start out in positions paying well over \$30,000 a year. In recent semesters, almost every CIS major was hired into a major related job less than a couple months after graduation.

Many of them had jobs lined up well before diploma time. This year, the number of CIS majors increased from about 50 to almost 80 students. Many of the CIS classes are filled or larger than they should be. There are currently two majors, three minors, and an associate degree program supported by the three faculty members.

Computers related jobs are always near the top of those "best career" lists that you see around. The computer field is still growing very rapidly and computer skills are required by almost every job field. Since this is a proven fact, wouldn't it make sense to expand Mansfield's computer science program by hiring more faculty? Not so long ago, the CIS department had four faculty. Why not bring them back up to that level?

According to President Kelchner, as stated at a recent meeting of organizational leaders, this university has one of the lowest freshman retention rates of the 14 SSHE schools.

There is generally a correlation between an increase in faculty and an increase in enrollment. Yes, we are short of funds in all areas, or so we are told. However, more students means more funds. I think that this university needs to take a serious look at which programs are producing results and currently have a rising demand and a large job base. We then need to shift more resources to those programs and make cuts in the less productive ones. Tactics like this can only work to make Mansfield a better place to prepare for a successful future.

Rustin Kreider

Library: Sorry, reservations only

To the editor,

Tired of Waiting for a Computer?

A survey conducted this Fall, as well as numerous suggestions by users, have prompted us to try allowing users to reserve/sign-up for computer time. Consequently, beginning the Monday after Spring Break (March 17), we will begin accepting reservations for the six public workstations in the Reference Room of North Hall. Reservations will be for computer usage the following Saturday (March 22) through Friday (March 28) and only for the six public workstations located in the Reference Room (2nd Floor, North Wing) of North Hall.

Procedural details are still being worked out. However, we have tentatively planned to allow users to reserve a workstation for up to four half-hour sessions per day. Reservations will only be accepted for the six public workstations in the Reference Section of North Hall (i.e. not the citation workstations). Workstations for which no one is signed-up will be available on a first come, first served basis and may be used until the next scheduled person arrives.

Because we recognize that this is going to cause some confusion, we ask that you please be patient with us during this trial period. At the same time, the success of this procedure will depend heavily on the

respect and cooperation of all of those who use the Reference Room's public workstations. If this "experiment" is successful, we will consider offering this service on a permanent basis. Let us know if you experience a problem or have suggestions for improving this service should it become part of our routine operation.

Finally, as always, if you've academic work to do and you see someone using a computer for non-academic purposes (e.g. chats, personal e-mail), you can ask them to vacate the workstation or report the problem to the Information Desk.

Monty L. McAdoo
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Letters to the Editor Policy

This space is reserved for you! Every week the *Flashlight* publishes letters from our readers. If you have any concerns or would like to voice your opinion on any subject related to life at Mansfield University, send us a letter to the editor. Letters will be published at the Editorial Board's discretion and may be edited for space and content.

Commentary

Bodily functions are the most hated commercials



Dave Barry

Recently, I promised that in today's column I would announce which commercial, according to my survey, you readers hate the most. So if you have an ounce of sense or good taste, you'll stop reading this column right now.

Really, I mean it ...

This is your last chance ...

You're making a HUGE mistake ...

OK, you pathetic fool: The most hated commercial of all time, according to the survey, was the one for Charmin featuring "Mr. Whipple" and various idiot housewives who lived in a psycho pervert community where everybody was obsessed with squeezing toilet paper - or, as they say in Commercial Land, "bathroom tissue." Americans still, after all these years, feel more hostility toward that ad campaign than they ever did toward international communism.

Of course, some people will say: "But those ads sold a lot of Charmin!"

Yes, and the Unabomber produced

high-quality, hand-crafted letter bombs. But that doesn't make it RIGHT.

The Mr. Whipple ads are related to a whole category of commercials that, according to the survey, people really detest - namely, commercials that discuss extremely intimate bodily functions and problems, often at dinnertime. People do not wish to hear total strangers blurting out statements about their constipation and their diarrhea and their hemorrhoids and their "male itch." People do not wish to see scientific demonstrations of pads absorbing amazing quantities of fluids. People also cannot fathom why this fluid is always blue. As Carla and Bill Chandler put it: "If anyone around here starts secreting anything BLUE, the last thing we're going to worry about is how absorbent their pad is."

People do not wish to hear any more about incontinence. Rich Klinzman wrote: "I have often fantasized about sneaking up behind June Allyson, blowing up a paper bag, and slamming my fist into it, just to see how absorbent those adult diapers really are."

People also do not wish to see actors pretending to be mothers and daughters talking about very personal feminine matters as though they were discussing the weather. Richard J. O'Neil, expressing a common sentiment, wrote: "If I was a woman, I would walk on my lips through a sewage plant before I would share this kind of information with any living soul, let alone my mother."

People do not wish to see extreme close-ups of other people chewing.

People are also getting mighty tired of the endlessly escalating, extremely confusing war of the pain relievers. At one

time, years ago, there was just aspirin, which was basically for headaches; now, there are dozens of products, every single one of which seems to be telling you that, not only is it more EFFECTIVE than the other ones, but also the other ones could cause a variety of harmful side effects such as death. It seems safer to just live with the headache.

Many survey respondents were especially scornful of the commercials suggesting that you can undergo an actual surgical procedure, such as a Caesarean section, and the only pain medication you'd need afterward is Tylenol. As Gwen Marshall put it: "If my doctor had given me Tylenol and expected me to be pain-free and happy, I'd have jumped off of that lovely table that holds your legs 10 feet apart, grabbed the 12-inch scalpel out of his hand and held it to his throat until I got morphine, lots of it."

Another type of advertising that people detest is the Mystery Commercial, in which there is no earthly way to tell what product is being advertised. These commercials usually consist of many apparently random images flashing rapidly past on the screen, and then, at the end, you see a Nike swoosh, or the IBM logo, or Mr. Whipple.

People are sick and tired of seeing actors pretend to be deeply emotionally attached to their breakfast cereals. People also frankly do not believe that the woman in the Special K commercials got to be thin and shapely by eating Special K. Patricia Gualdoni wrote: "I have eaten enough Special K cereal to sink a battleship, and I look a

lot more like a battleship than the woman in the ad."

People are also skeptical of the Denorex shampoo commercials. "How do we know that that tingling sensation isn't battery acid eating through your scalp?" asked Alyssa Church.

Here are just a few of the other views expressed by the thousands of readers who responded to the survey:

Andy Elliott wrote: "I hate radio ads that say, 'Our prices are so low, we can't say them on the radio!' WHY??? Will people start bleeding from the ears if they hear these prices?"

Michael Howard wrote: "I live near Seattle and there is one channel that runs commercials approximately every five minutes advertising the fact that they have a helicopter. Can you believe it? A helicopter!"

A.J. VanHorn theorized that "the increase in suicides among young people is due to the beer commercial showing a bunch of rednecks in a beat-up pickup swigging beer from cans and telling everyone 'It don't git no better 'n this.'"

Kathy Walden objected to "Wal-Mart commercials that shamelessly try to portray all Wal-Mart customers as poor, uneducated, rural and concerned primarily with reproducing themselves. Of course this is true, but STILL ..."

There were many, many more strong comments, but I'm out of space. So I'm going to close with a statement penned by a reader identifying himself as "Flat Foot Sam," who I believe spoke for millions of consumers when he wrote these words:

"I'd like to buy the world a Coke, And spray it out my nose."

Special Addition to the Flashlight: The Holocaust Museum vs. actual history

Alexandra Nolan
Assistant Professor

In his opinion editorial of 1-31-97 (page 8) regarding the Holocaust Museum, Dr. Jay Gertzman acknowledged that it is indeed a tragedy that history has to be bought. He also argues that nobody should know that better than the Jewish people because they have had their history stolen from them, falsified and forged, and their culture destroyed.

Dr. Gertzman further stated that Mary Morrison, director of Communications for the Holocaust Museum, advised him in a phone conversation of 11-25-96 that the museum has never sold off rooms, or ever offered to, and that consultation with the U.S. State Department led to the decision to invite Croatia's President Franjo Tudjman and Bosnia's President Alija Izetbegovic to the grand opening ceremonies of the Holocaust Museum.

Just because Mary Morrison states that the museum's official policy is not to sell off rooms does not mean that contributions have not affected space display. I contacted the Washington D.C. Holocaust Museum long before it officially opened to ask if it would display exhibits of groups other than the Jews who had suffered during World War II. The person I contacted acknowledged that the Serbs and Gypsies shared the history of the Holocaust with the Jews, and asked if Serbs would contribute \$50,000 for their own room within

the museum. Americans of Serbian descent were outraged to imagine that history had any price tag attached to it.

The reason I contacted the Holocaust Museum was because I learned of its construction from staff members at the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, after I alerted them to a Holocaust denial ad that was running in campus newspapers at universities in Texas in 1991. An ad submitted by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust, a group that claimed the Holocaust story was fabricated to "drum up support for Jewish causes," had been sent to student newspapers across the country. The Daily Texan, the newspaper produced by students at the University of Texas - Austin campus, ran the ad, after its board members came up a vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to reject the ad. The ad, which brought \$1,728.60 in revenue to the newspaper, claimed: "The figure of 6 million Jewish deaths is an irresponsible exaggeration. No execution gas chamber existed in Europe which was under German control."

As a communication major, I certainly have profound respect for our First Amendment and freedom of expression, but I also know the damage historical revisionism can cause if left unchecked and unchallenged. That's why I contacted the Simon Wiesenthal Center to make them aware of the ad. The Simon Wiesenthal Center staff created editorials and their own ad to dispute the statements made by the Committee for Open Debate on the Holocaust. It's just unfortunate that the Serbs and Gypsies, who

obviously never mounted an effective defense to oversights in their history, remain demonized.

Alfred Lipson, a Holocaust survivor and senior researcher at Queensborough Community College - CUNY Resource Center, wrote, "On the other hand, one cannot understand why the museum's permanent exhibits spanning three major floors do not provide adequate space for the genocide of the Serbs in 1941-1945 by the Croatian Ustasha and the Muslim's Hanjar SS divisions under tutelage of the Germans. At least 600,000 Serbs -

men, women, and children - were murdered, mostly in the Jasenovac Killing camp, along with at least 60,000 Jews and 27,000 Gypsies." ("anger at a Holocaust Museum Exhibit," Midstream December 1994, 22.)

In the same article, Lipson wrote, "In view of these facts, I cannot comprehend why the museum's curators have all but left the Serbian genocide out of the 'Mosaic of victims' in the permanent exhibit. The Serbs were proportionately the largest group of non-Jews to perish during the war. They were also the fiercest anti-Nazis who fought the Ger-

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Letters from our country's crazy inmates!

by Dooley and Dennis
inmate and editor

Note from your favorite feature editor:

The following is a special feature sent to us all the way from a state correctional facility in Tennessee. I hope that you can enjoy the freedom of speech Tommy chose to exercise in the following ramblings.

Perhaps if you would like to contact him you can come to the office and help me look for the envelope that has his address is on. It will be the one with a crying Thomas Jefferson chained to our imprisoned Wacky-backy expert. Perhaps I'll print the rest of the letter if I can figure it out.

I believe that it is very important that we as a campus listen to the select writings of those in our prison systems. Although they may seem to have no morals or even anything important to say, this may be their only way to communicate with those of us receiving educations.

The truth is that there are some students and faculty that are not really worthy of having these privileges. Just because we have not done anything to have our rights revoked by our justice system, it does not mean that our opinion is any better than theirs. Perhaps by listening to them and, even if they do not seem to make any sense, responding to them and treating them like human beings we can make them feel like they belong somewhere.

Don't get me wrong, I think that criminals should go to jail and pay for their crimes. But maybe there is some merit to acknowledging them, even if it is for our own entertainment. What harm can it do to print letter all the way from Tennessee? Of course if he is released tomorrow and comes to see his new family here at the Flashlight, YOU DON'T KNOW ME.

Marijuana"

by Thomas Dooley

You smoke wacky-backy, it gives you a very warm, pleasant glow, to your head, real loud music/noise will enhance the-warm glow!

That's

Why the rockband Kiss, was so popular, they had the loudest amplifiers-in America, prancing around under the lights,

with their painted faces, was added treat for wacky-backy

smokers! Of course, they don't paint their faces anymore.

When smoking wacky-backy with other, sometimes, have instantaneous laughing/giggling about-nothing.

Now

the downside of smoking, wacky-backy it will impair your vision/hearing, and slow down your... reflexes ...

I've

been into, alcohol/drugs/narcotics/bur-

glary/music, since I was ten years old- in 1944! Want to know the truth -about drugs /narcotics, especially, how to save your loved ones, from a drug/narcotic-overdose!?

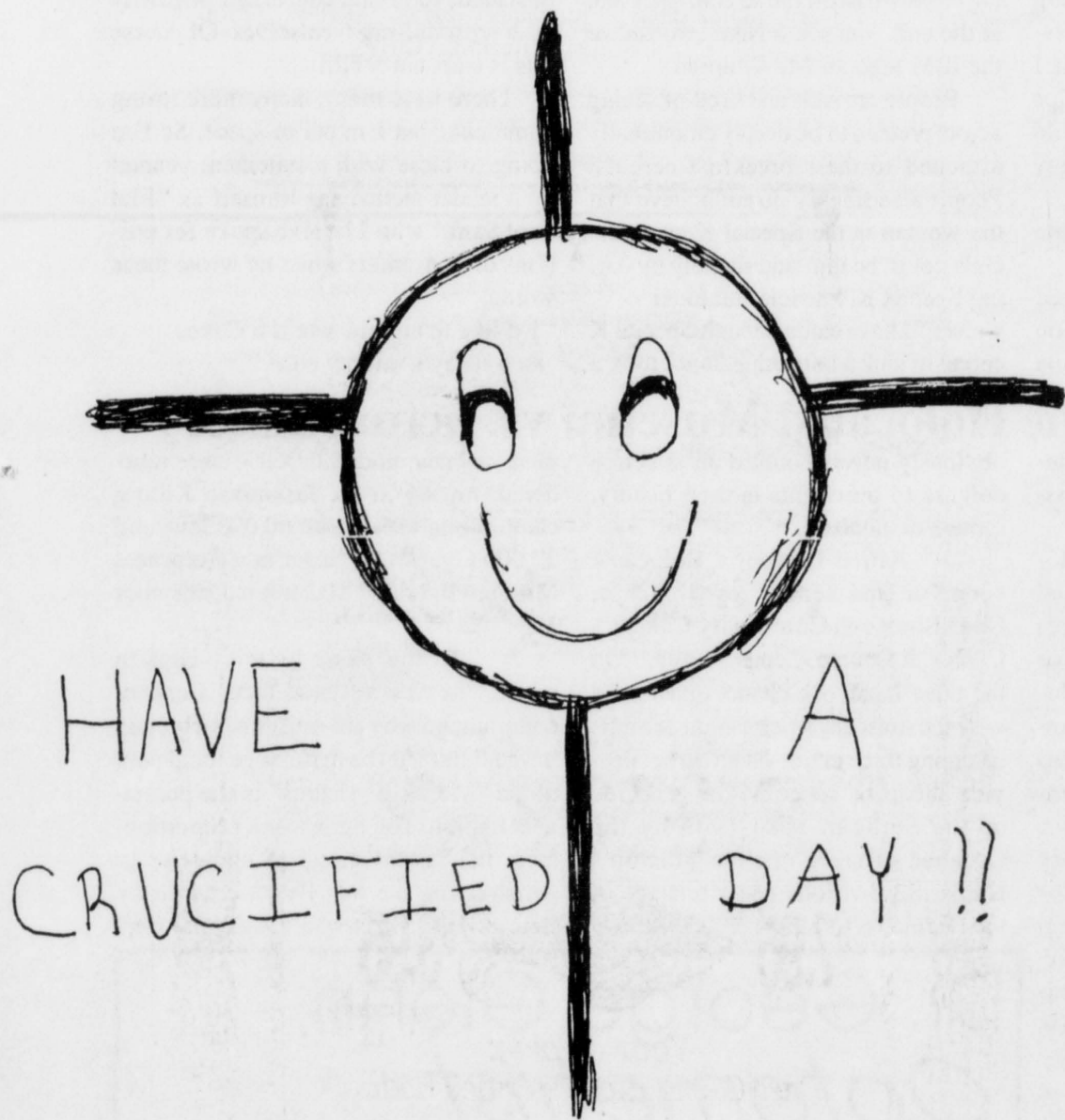
Nobody in America, especially our "United States Supreme Court", can infringe upon, or deny our Constitutional Rights. When they are violated gather your family, kin, friends, neighbors, strangers, everyone carry American flags< and then march on -

... T h e

White House...

Then see if President Clinton, will honor his , (Loyalty Oath) to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the United States of America, to the best of my ability, so help me GOD!

I challenge all, who proclaim to be Americans, to deny my allegations—Publicly, especially the whole - "United States Judicial System" and News Media...Truth Conquers all things.....



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Kranky Komments

Guide to searching for stars in the big city

by Krissy Dennis
editor of useless information

Recently I have had the most pleasant experience of spotting a star in the blazing metropolis of Manhattan. Who could I have possibly seen? I'll get to that later. Ever since my brush with greatness I have decided that there are probably several people on this campus who need my guide to meeting and, if need be, scaring off a star.

The very first step to star spotting is defining what a star is. A star is anyone who you deem worthy of staring at and possibly bragging about meeting. The star has to be recognizable by at least six out of ten people that you brag to. I found this number to be sufficient in determining the worthiness of the particular star you harass.

Locality is an important part of how to spot a star. First you must place yourself in an area where there is a chance that you may see one. I believe that Manhattan is the best choice for Mansfield students. It is only about 3 or 4 hours away.

If you get lost, make sure you do it in Jim Thorpe. It's a pretty cool town and you might be able to find some-

thing to do besides sitting in the car and cursing your closest friends for taking away your star spotting time.

There's nothing that can make a person more bitter than delaying the chance to turn into a psychotic stalker for a few moments in time. I hope some of you can relate to this.

Once you get to your location of choice your best bet is to act normal. Forget that you're on a mission. Walk around, shop (window shop if you're poor like me), and have a bite to eat. Good things come to those who wait in the bushes to pounce like a leopard waiting for an antelope.

Anyway, now you must keep a keen eye open for someone who may meet star criteria. Don't get worried if it doesn't happen right away. They pop up when you least expect it.

There are a couple of things to keep in mind if you are a virgin to this star experience. Be calm. Don't look stupid pointing your finger at everyone who you think might be important. As time goes on you realize that spotting a star takes some talent. You too can be as adept as I am.

Most important is not looking obvious when you have positively identified your chosen star. Of course you

can't help but eyeball him/her. What you want to do is get someone to quickly verify the sighting. This will help when bragging rights come into play.

I remember my first star sighting like it was yesterday. It was New York City and I had to pee. My family and I went into the \$30 burger joint and there he was - Jackie Mason. Please tell me you know who he is. Comedian?

Anyway, Being new at the whole star thing I made my mother ask him for his autograph. I haven't the faintest idea what he said but I still have his endearing message tacked to my wall at home.

As you can imagine I was not surprised when I stepped off the escalator in the Virgin Records megastore and saw before me Michael Rappaport sitting about drinking his iced tea.

Because I am a professional, I immediately verified the sight with my friend. She had no clue who he was, but I was able to convince her that he was important. I quickly rattled off his current accomplishments while she peered at him from behind my shoulder.

Here comes the important part — stalking. We took a seat nearby and casually observed him. I studied his features scanning my data bank for infor-

mation. I even took it upon myself to leave the safe zone of my table and stroll past him to the video section. Like any seasoned veteran I was on the hunt for any of his movies, hoping to find a picture.

After two failed attempts I resigned myself to watching him from afar. This is where I made a horrible mistake. I waited too long to make my move. After another friend came along to sit down (she didn't know him either) he finished his iced tea and left.

"Damn it, damn it, damn it" I yelled as he rode away on the escalator. There he went, along with my proof. Point number three is don't ever doubt your sighting. You are probably right.

Two days later while watching MTV there was Michael Rappaport. Apparently he is doing some sort of play or something. How could I be sure that it was indeed him? He was wearing the same sneakers. That's right, always take note of the clothing your star is wearing.

This type of psychotic behavior generally accompanies the sighting of a star. If you don't think you can handle the pressure, please come see me. We can practice. By the way Michael Rappaport was in "Mighty Aphrodite" and "Beautiful Girls".

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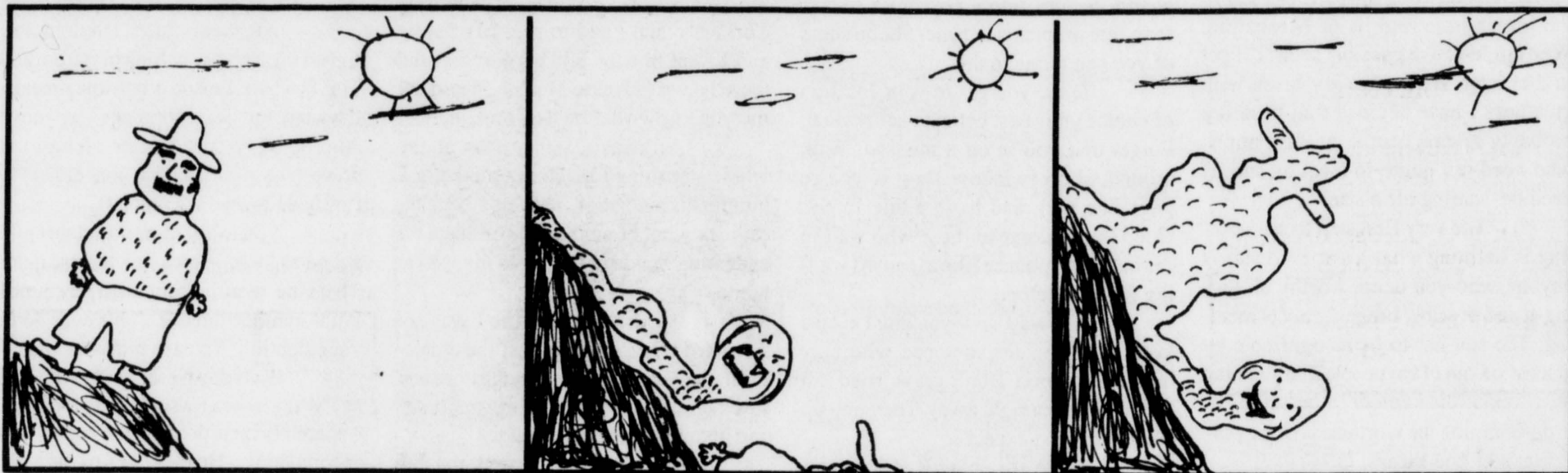
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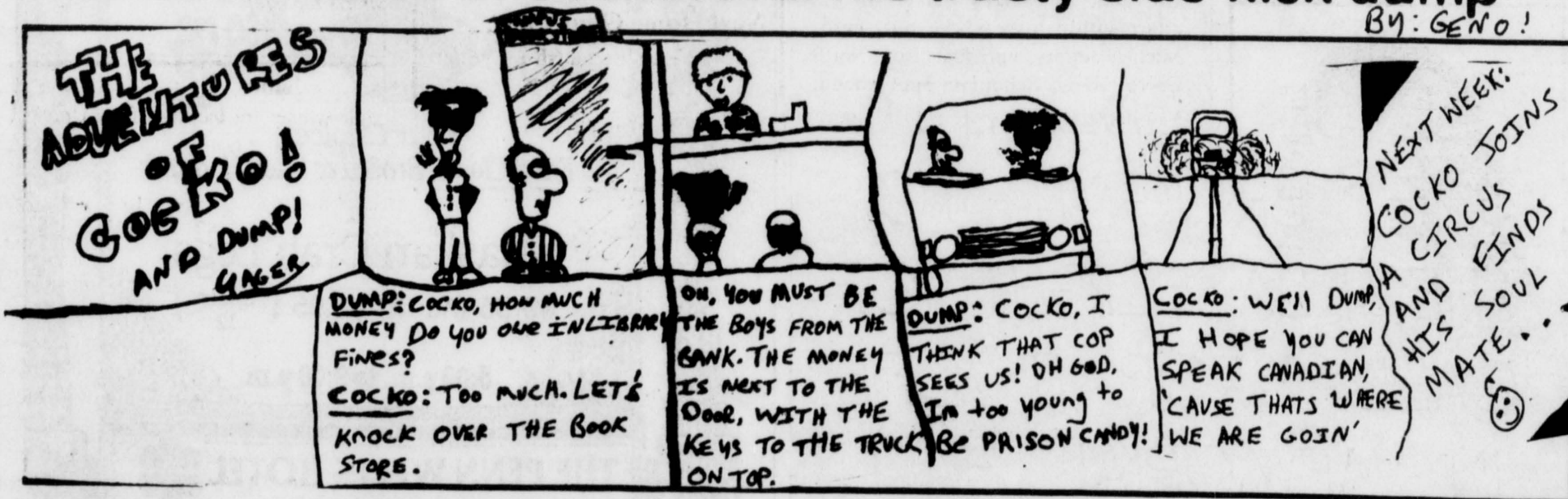


SLOW START BY: GREG RENNER



The Adventures of cocko. and his trusty side-kick dump

By: GENO!



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MEN'S Basketball: 2/8, 8:00
@ CHEYNEY

WOMEN'S Swimming: 2/8, 2:30
@ EAST STROUDSBURG

INDOOR Track: 2/8, TBA
@ BUCKNELL

WRESTLING: 2/15, 2:00
@ GANNON

Woseley leads the Mounties back to a win



photo provided

Senior guard
and co-captain,
Kenny Woseley led the
Mountaineers to a win
with 25 points. Woseley
has had 15 double-doubles
so far this year.

Dugo finishes swimming career with a splash



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Senior swimmer and co-
captain Amy Dugo had
three first place finishes in
her last home meet at
Decker Pool against Wells.
A scholar-athlete, she has
been a four-year starter
and letter winner for the
Mountie swimmers.

Ackerman gets 100, Mounties clinch

by Jackie Williams
sports reporter

The Mansfield University Men's basketball team beat Kutztown University on Wednesday night 117-76. With a prior record of 6-1 in PSAC East play, it was just another victory, right?

Wrong.

The win clinched a playoff spot for the Mounties for the first time since the 1985-86 season and earned Head Coach Tom Ackerman his 100th win at Mansfield University. Ackerman is only the third basketball coach in Mansfield University's 97 year history to reach that plateau.

"It was great to clinch at home," said Ackerman. "After that loss at Millersville, no one knew how we would play. But, after a slow start, we played very, very well. It's nice to get the 100 wins, but this win belongs to the whole team."

The Mounties gave the home team fans packed into Decker Gymnasium a scare to start off the game, trailing 11-6 after connecting on just one of their first eight shots.

Ackerman called a 20-second time-out to collect his team with 17:00 left in the first half.

According to Ackerman, the time-out was merely to remind his team to keep taking good shots and that they were doing exactly what they needed to do.

"I wasn't concerned with the start,"



photo provided

Mountaineer Head Coach Tom Ackerman received his 100th career Mansfield win

Ackerman said. "I had a sense of how they felt before the game. The best games that we've played this year, we have come out tight, so it wasn't any different."

From that point on, the Mounties would not be denied as they went on a 42-21 run to the end of the first half.

In the locker-room at halftime, Ackerman reminded his players to stay focused on what they needed to do to win.

"We talked about the fact that we had been up by almost 30 points and they had managed to whittle it down to

about 20," said Ackerman. "We talked about us needing to bear down and not allow any slip-ups."

Mansfield responded and came out gunning in the second half to lengthen their lead to 100-61 with 9:31 left in the game.

Senior guard, Kenny Woseley led five Mounties in double figures with 25 points. Lawrence Culver played "Mr. Windex" in bringing down 20 rebounds and having 18 points, including a couple

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Next Home Game: 2/19, East
Stroudsburg, 8:00

Ranking, PSAC/Nat'l:
1st/14th

Radio: WNTD 89.5

of rim shaking dunks to earn his 17th double-double of the season. Louis Judson chipped in 20 points for the night, while Steve Shannon and Tommy Harvey added 15 and 12 points respectively.

Mansfield improves to 19-3 overall and ranks as the 14th place team in Division II. The Mounties will travel to second place Cheyney on Saturday. Cheyney is currently one game behind Mansfield in the PSAC East. The outcome of this game will help to determine home court advantage in the playoffs as the first team in the PSAC East has permanent home court in the playoffs.

Jeffery grabs season high rebounds against Millersville

Jill Mancini
sports reporter

On February 1, the Mounties Women's Basketball team of Mansfield University may have walked off the court with a loss, 63-52, but senior Michele Jeffery, a graduate from North Carroll High School in Hampstead, Maryland, walked away with a record for this year.

Jeffery had 24 rebounds in this game against Millersville University, the most rebounds in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) this season.

Seventeen of Jeffery's boards came off the defensive glass and the other seven rebounds came from the offensive boards.

Jeffery was the Mountaineer's as well as the game's high scorer with 19 points overall. She shot 50% from the field and was seven of eight from the free throw line.

"We are very inspired by her. Michele has great leadership on the court. Being small, only 5'8, she still has an incredible nose for the ball," commented Mansfield Head Coach Jennifer Lynch.

Junior point-guard Jill Masker

was equally impressed with Jeffery's effort.

"She played a great game,"

Record: 6-16 (1-6PSAC)

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PSAC Ranking: 6th

added Masker. Masker added 12 points to the Mountaineer's effort to overcome Millersville.

Unfortunately, the Mounties, despite Jeffery's impressive feat of rebounding and scoring, could not shake off Millersville's shooting capabilities. Mansfield only scored 28 points in the first half and 24 points in the second. They were 18-62 in total field goals.

"Millersville is an outstanding team. They are tied for first place in the league. Unfortunately, we did not play well," said Lynch.

Millersville climbs to 13-6 while Mansfield falls to 4-16 overall as of this game. The Mountaineers are now 1-6 in PSAC league play.

Mountaineer swimmers fall to Misericordia despite strong effort by Noaeill

J.P. Fella
sports reporter

Junior, Nikki Noaeill was a triple winner for the Mansfield University swimming team.

However, it was not enough as the Mounties lost to College Misericordia 117-87 on February 4 at Misericordia.

Mansfield swimmers won both the 400 meter medley relay and the 200 meter freestyle relay, which is anchored by Noaeill. Sheri Weber, April Hart, Rona Kahle, and Bonnie Remus were the swimmers that who swam on the 400 meter medley relay team. Dugo, Kahle, Remus were the other members of the 200 meter free relay team.

Noaeill also won the 50 meter freestyle and 100 meter freestyle with times of 25.44 seconds and 58.35 seconds respectively.

The loss drops the Mountaineers to 4-4 on the season. The Mounties are in action again on Saturday when they travel to East Stroudsburg.

Mountaineer Hoopsters fall to Golden Rams

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineer women's basketball team lost to the visiting Kutztown Golden Bears last Wednesday in a game that was much closer than the 70-55 score indicated.

The Golden Bears got on the scoreboard first. The Mounties, however, were charged up throughout most of the first half and pulled ahead after two minutes of play. Senior guard, Liz Bricker hit a three-pointer to put the Mounties up by one. Becky Dutko led the Mounties in the first half with 10 points. Bricker added eight points of her own to help the Mountaineers in their effort to stay ahead of Kutztown.

At one point, Mansfield had a seven point lead on the Golden Bears. That lead disintegrated in the last two minutes of the first half. Kutztown, who had not been shooting well, started clicking on offense and pulled ahead of the Mounties with 1:33 left in the half. At the intermission, the Mountaineers found themselves down by two points, 30-28.

Amy Wahl was the difference in the first half for the Golden Bears. She was more than half of their offense, scoring 17 of their 30 first half points.

The trend that proved fatal for the Mountaineers was too many fouls. The Mounties hit all of their foul shots in the first half. The problem was, they only went to the line three times. Kutztown went to the mercy stripe six times in the first half, hitting all of their shots as well.

This statistic does seem that



Junior point guard, Cheryl Farabaugh makes a no look pass to the post. She had five assists in the game against Kutztown University.

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bad for Mansfield in the first half, but, in the second half, the Mountaineers only went to the line one more time than in the first. Kutztown went to the foul line 17 times in the second half, shooting 88%. This alone accounted for more than one third of their second half offense.

"We put them at the line and that was the difference," said Mountaineer Head Coach Jennifer Lynch. "All the

little errors that we make come back to haunt us."

The Mounties came out hot in the beginning of the second half as well. They traded baskets with Kutztown and soon took over the lead five minutes into play on a Jill Masker lay-up. The two teams battled back and forth like this, bucket for bucket, until exactly mid-way through the second

half when the score was tied 47-47.

The Mounties fouled the Golden Bears twice and the Bears hit four foul shots in a row to pull ahead of the Mounties. Kutztown never looked back. They outscored the Mounties 23 to eight in the last ten minutes of the game. 13 of their points came from the foul line.

At the final buzzer, the Kutztown Golden Bears found themselves the victors by a score of 70-55.

The Mountaineer's PSAC record dropped to 1-7 with the loss. They are 4-17 overall.

Said Out Loud

"Second Sucks."

--TIGER WOODS,

after he could not rally from a three shot deficit to take over first place from his friend and neighbor, Mark O'Meara, at the Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

"Now we are going to move back to the forty (yard-line) and try again for double-or-nothing."

--Lance Alstodt,

26 year old New York investment banker, after he kicked a 35-yard field goal worth one million dollars in the half-time of the NFL Pro-Bowl.

"This isn't the low Point."

--M.L. Carr,

Boston Celtics Head Coach about their loss to the NBA basement dwelling Vancouver Grizzlies.

"David Stern and I talked about it. We're not letting Dennis play in both leagues."

--Val Ackerman, WNBA (Women's NBA) commissioner, about his conversation with his NBA counterpart about Dennis Rodman and his transvestite tendencies.

The Mountaintop

Mountaineer athletes reaching for the pinnacle of success



Michele Jeffery

photo provided

Michele Jeffery, senior forward and captain, had a career game against Millersville University last Saturday. She was the game's high scorer with 19 points, shooting 50% from the floor. She also hit seven of her eight free throw attempts. Jeffery dominated in the paint as well. She had a career high 24 rebounds, 17 off the defensive glass and 5 even more from the offensive boards. She also played more minutes, 34, than any other player, from either team, on the court.

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More Sports

Mountie men's win streak stopped at 10 games

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

The Mansfield University men's basketball team made a long bus trip to Millersville University's Pucillo Gymnasium last Saturday night. It was even longer on the way home, after their 72-69 loss to the Marauders.

The loss snapped a 10-game win streak for the Mounties, who are ranked 14th in the nation this week.

Their record now stands at 18-3 overall, and 6-1 in conference play.

"I don't think we need to make anymore excuses," head coach Tom Ackerman said. "We just didn't show up to play on Saturday."

Coach Ackerman's statement has plenty of merit as the Mounties scored their lowest point total of the season. Their previous low was 78 points in a loss to Clarion way back in November.

"Playing on the road isn't easy," Ackerman continued. "But I still think that you have to go out and take some pride in what you're doing and play hard and play well and we just didn't do it."

The Mounties leading scorer, coincidentally was the PSAC's leading scorer, Louis Judson. His game-high 29 points was not enough, as they shot a season-low 39.2% from the field.

The Mounties other two captains, Kenny Woseley and Lawrence Culver, scored 11 and 8 points respectively.

Mountie freshman, Tommy Harvey, who was named ECAC Rookie of the Week last week, was the only other Mansfield player to hit double-figures in the scoring column. His 14 points came on 5 of 11 shooting from the field, including 3 of 6 from three-point range.

"Don't take any credit away from Millersville," Ackerman later said. "They didn't play any special defenses. They played extremely well."

Millersville was led by Jamal Palmer's 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The game's hero, Terry Howse, chipped in with 16 points, including his half-court desperation heave with 1.0 seconds left on the clock that enabled the Marauders to win the game.

The shot by Howse was needed only after the Mounties came back from a five point deficit with 11 seconds left in the game.

Harvey's three-point bucket, then a steal by Woseley and his lay-up tied the score at 69-69 before Howse's miracle shot won the game.

Millersville shot the ball well, going 13-for-29 (44.8%) from the field. They also made good on 5-for-6 shooting from the charity stripe.

Mansfield, on the other hand, had an off day from the line. They were 9-for-14 (64.3%) on their free ones.

Steve Shannon (5 points, 8 rebounds) and Darrin Bates (2 points, 2 rebounds) were the only other Mounties to get into the scoring column.

The Mounties regrouped to beat Kutztown 117-76 to give Coach Ackerman his 100th career win at Mansfield. (See Joe Wagner's story on the game)

The last two regular-season road games for the Mounties, are the most crucial on the schedule. On Saturday, they travel to Cheyney University (6-2 league), and then they go to Bloomsburg (4-4 league) on Wednesday evening.

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Heavyweight champ, Evander Holyfield, will receive \$40,000,000 to fight Mike Tyson in a rematch of their last fight. In that fight Holyfield knocked Tyson out. Don King is promoting both fighters.

8.5 million

O.J. Simpson must pay \$8,500,000 to the Goldman family as he was found liable in his latest civil suit involving the wrongful deaths of Nicole Brown-Simpson, and Ronald Goldman.

90

16 year old figure skater, Oksana Baiul was fined \$90 for drunk driving. She also must volunteer 25 hours of public service to the community. Because of Connecticut State law, she will not lose her driver's license since her blood alcohol level was not taken by police at the scene but at the hospital.

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There are two new Bills in the New York Jets organization. Bill Belichick and Bill Parcells are reunited again, Belichek as head coach and Parcells as his advisor, consultant and confidant. It is assumed that Parcells will take over the head coaching job in 1998.



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	6	Philadelphia Flower Show	\$61
	8	The Turning Stone Casino- BINGO	\$24
	12	Chicago Bulls v. Philadelphia 76ers at Philadelphia	\$54
	15	"The Glory of Spring" - a Sight and Soud performance	\$69
	22	Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus at New York City	\$88
	22-23	Casino Niagara at Niagara Falls, Ontario	\$104pp/dbl
	26	Atlantic City Day Excursion	\$38
April	5-6	Cherry Blossom Time in Washington, D.C.	\$165pp/dbl

Fewer cases of sexual abuse reported to police than to University advocacy hotline

By Krissy Dennis
staff reporter

In recent months sexual harassment has become one of the most rampant crimes in newspapers. Every day we read about sexual deviance in the streets, in the military, in schools and even in the White House.

But these topics are not exclusive to the big city. In today's society, parents are urged to teach their children safety almost as soon as they start walking.

The issue of safety is one that affects every campus across this country. With enrollment numbers averaging near 3000, Mansfield University is no exception.

According to the 1994 Illinois' Coalition Against Sexual Assault report, 20% of college-aged women will be victims of sexual assault at some time during their college careers and 1%-2% of all women on college campuses are raped by two or more offenders.

According to Mansfield University Chief of Police, K.P. Collier, the campus police offer several programs to keep students safe on campus. Shuttle service is provided to and from campus parking lots everyday starting at 8PM.

They also host different crime prevention programs on personal safety, Collier said. They also look for areas on campus which may need extra patrol. One example of this may be areas where there is an abundance of weed overgrowth, said Collier.

If an attack occurs on campus the police are often contacted by the agency to whom it was reported, said Collier.

"They will contact us and advise us if we need to be aware of a specific area of concern," said Collier. "Then we can take appropriate action."

Even if the victim does not want their identity revealed the problem area can still be reported, said Collier.

Only one rape has been officially reported to the campus police this semester. However, the number of complaints about sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape received by the Advocacy Program so far has been fifteen.

The main goal of the Advocacy program is to assist victims by accompanying them to doctors after an assault, and to court if the victim decides to take it that far, said Habovick.

"We support them so they do not feel like they are by themselves," said Habovick.

"The program has been in ex-

istence since September 1993 and has gained more recognition and has been able to help more people," said Habovick.

"A very small percentage decide to go to a hearing," said Habovick. "Most victims just want it to stop."

According to Habovick, only four hearings have resulted out of the 103 calls received by the program since 1994.

Twenty-three calls were placed during the first year of the programs existence. That number jumped to thirty-

six during 1995-1996, Habovick said.

"Students are becoming aware that there is this system," said Habovick.

Habovick hopes to see the numbers decline as more people start to protect themselves.

"I am much more keener on a woman being able to take care of herself," Habovick said.

Due to lack of interest, the university was unable to form an escort service, which would have provided escorts for students around campus, said Habovick.

"We had five people volunteer," said Habovick. "If we could have a fraternity say 'we'll do this', we might be able to do it. Right now the interest is just not there."

When walking alone Habovick recommends several tips on how to stay safe. Instead of carrying mace or pepper spray she suggests using a small squeeze bottle filled with ammonia. Room keys and backpacks are also valuable weapons, Habovick said.

"Women need to be aware of the weapons they have on them. A weapon is of no use if it is not in your hand," Habovick said. "When attacked we make a decision almost immediately whether you panic, flee, or attack."

One of the most important things that a person should do after they are attacked is talk to someone, Habovick said.

"It is important that the victim knows what is available so they can make informed decisions," Habovick said. "It is important to talk to people because it (sexual assault) does not go away or get better."

Victims should also seek medical attention as soon as possible, Habovick said.

"The biggest fear for victims is AIDS, STD's, or pregnancy," Habovick said.

According to Habovick, the Laurel Health clinic in Mansfield offers free initial and follow-up checkups for victims.

MU student Erin Dorsett does not feel threatened walking on campus by herself.

"The lights are brighter on campus than they are downtown," Dorsett said. "I feel safer walking on campus than in town."

Another MU student, Stephanie Jankowski, has no problem walking on campus alone.

"Most of the time I feel safe," said Jankowski. "There have been times when I have been walking and the lights go out."



photo by Brent McCallus

The campus police safety patrol will receive new jackets, above, to help distinguish them from other students. The University also provides victims of sexual violence an advocacy program, below, to help them deal with their circumstances.



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10 am Fine Arts Series present
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3 pm Mollie Bealer/Michael
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8 pm Sigma movie, "Tin Cup",
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The Flashlight

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Black Panther founder speaks at university

by Gene Yager
 managing editor

On Wednesday, February 12th, Mansfield Activities Council presented "An Evening With Bobby Seale" at Allen lecture hall.

Seale, who co-founded the Black Panther party along with Huey P. Newton in 1966, spoke for well over one hour on the Black Panther Party of the sixties and seventies, as well as speaking on his new program REACH.

Seale, the last surviving architect of one of the most important social change movements of the sixties and seventies, lists the death of Malcolm X, in 1965 as a major influence in his life.

"When they killed Malcolm, I just went off" Seale said. "I got ahold of him (Newton) and told him that we could organize a new organization, because they killed Malcolm X"

Seale also lists other civil rights activists as influencing him.

"I was profoundly inspired by Martin Luther King (Jr.)" Seale said.

Seale spoke on the true birth of the Black Panther Party, which, according to a press release from Reach Cinema Productions, grew from "student activism, research, and programmatic organizing, not street life hooliganism, as some distort it."

According to Seale, times have changed, and activism has changed with the times.

"Today you don't need guns" Seale said. "If you want to observe police brutality, network with a thousand camcorders."

"Righteous, down home, all power to the people is what I say"

"It was knowledge that was our real power. The guns were just a tool."



photo by Brent McCallus

Black Panther co-founder Bobby Seale spoke at MU last Wednesday.

Students inducted into national Public Relations society

by Kari Reagan
 staff reporter

On February 11, in the Cabaret Room of Memorial Hall, 14 Mansfield students were inducted into the Public Relations Students Society of America.

According to communications department professor Alexander Nolan, induction into the society, which was founded in 1954, is a big step in the futures of those inducted students.

Nolan, who is the advisor of the society, was pleased with the students induction.

"I am really proud of these students because they are voluntarily embracing a code of ethics and professional standards," Nolan said.

Students inducted included

Akeelah Brooks, Sandy Falicki, Joy Hart, Beth Hoobler, Stephanie Kenney, Angela Kipple, Bridget Maney, Beth Ann McCabe, Angela McKee, Matt Nolan, Julie Sahd, Sarah Shields, Brian Souter, and Fawnya York.

Officers of the club include President Stephanie Kenney, Vice President Fawnya York, Secretary Akeelah Brooks, and Treasurer Beth Ann McCabe.

According to Nolan, York has excelled at fund raising in addition to her achievements with the PR society.

"She has done a dynamic job since she has taken this position," Nolan said.

Kenney opened the ceremony by giving a speech on the benefits of being in the PRSSA.

"Through the PRSSA, you

have the opportunity to network with professionals in your field, gain practical experience such as the Bateman Case Study Competition and to attend seminars and national forums," Kenney said.

She ended by thanking Nolan for her time and constant devotion to the society.

According to Kenney, the induction was beneficial to the society and to the campus as a whole.

"I think it's really good publicity for the society on campus and we can also compete on a national level," Kenney said. "It shows we are a serious group."

According to senior Sandy Falicki, it is important for her to be active in organizations that will ensure success for her future in the public relations field.

"The PRSSA offers various opportunities for me to excel in my field," Falicki said.

"I am really excited because I took a strong part in becoming accredited since I was treasurer and on the executive board last semester and again this semester," said Beth Ann McCabe. "It is also really good because it makes the public relations department appear to be qualified."

Fawnya York agrees with McCabe.

"I am very happy to be involved in it especially since I am the vice president," McCabe said.

Upcoming events that the PRSSA plans on being a part of include touring several public relations agencies and the PRSSA headquarters in New York City in March.

International Discussion Hour

by Thomas A. Jones
 staff reporter

The organization known as the Black Panthers was the subject of discussion at this week's International Discussion Hour held in the Martin Luther King Jr. center on Thursday. It was facilitated by Director of International Student Services Annie Cooper.

After commenting that last

week's meeting went particularly well, Cooper asked the attending students, "Are you familiar with the Black Panthers?"

While many students had heard of the Black Panthers, no one was entirely sure what was entailed in the organization's platform.

"The speaker last night (Black Panther co-founder Bobby Seale)

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According to Tom Johnston, director of student union, the student union is a co-sponsor of the Bloodmobile, the goal for the blood drive is 170 pints of blood.

All donors will be eligible to enter a drawing to win one of three \$50 gift certificates to Wal-Mart, which is sponsored by ARHC.

Corrections:

Last week the *Flashlight* incorrectly spelled the name of former Corning Executive Officer, Jamie Houghton

Also, the *Flashlight* mistakenly reported that the new recreation center will be painted entirely a yellow golden-rod color. Only certain areas of the building will be painted this color.

Campus Voices

by Brent McCallus

"How would you like to spend your Valentine's Day with your significant other?"



Akeelah Brooks junior

"Eating desert by the fire place with my man."



Paula Salgueiro freshman

"Probably in Cancun because I like the beach and I think that tropical areas are romantic."



Lisa Clark sophomore

"I am driving two hours to go down and see him."



Heather Patterson junior

"I would like to go to Greece Because the artwork there is romantic."

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wanted to make the point that (the Black Panthers] were more 'power to the people,' more so than just Black Power," said Cooper.

She explained that the Black Panthers were formed to fight corruption.

"In every system there is corruption," Cooper said. "One of the ways they keep the attention off the corruption is by focusing on other issues, like the job issue."

Cooper also wondered how the media could focus so much energy on the O.J. Simpson trial when there are so many more pressing issues.

Asked Cooper, "If you were the politician or social activist making the case for freedom, what is freedom?"

The group then began to focus on and discuss the different points of the

Black Panther's platform.

"Look at the issues these people laid out," Cooper said.

According to Cooper, the first section of the platform spells out self-government.

Examining a later part of the platform concerning education, Cooper said, "In this country the issue of education is important to certain groups of people. President Clinton is the first person in many years to say that drastic changes are needed in the education system."

Cooper went on to address her concerns about the current higher education system.

"Look at tuition," Cooper said. "The more tuition goes up, the less people will be educated. Is there a need to have this hierarchy of people?"

Police Beat

02/07/97

08:43 Obscene phone call left on answering machine.

02/09/97

00:15 Resident Assistant on duty reported finding a small amount of suspected marijuana in the lobby of Maple dorm.

13:00 Complainant had obscene phone call left on her answering machine.

22:35 Complainant advised a 14 year old female runaway was currently staying in Laurel dorm.

02/10/97

11:35 Misuse of campus park-

ing privileges. Incident referred to the campus judicial system.

19:33 Complaint of harassing phone calls.

20:15 Complaint of 10 hang up phone calls.

02/11/97

07:50 Fire hydrant leaking on Laurel B drive. Needed to be shut off. Not in service at this time.

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Ebonics discussion held in North Dining Hall

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Phi Beta Sigma fraternity supported a panel discussion concentrating on the question of Ebonics yesterday at Manser's North Dining Hall.

The panel consisted of Maketa Collins, a senior psych student; Dr. Tondelaya Baylor-Ayewoh and Ms. Denise Carter-Onyirimba, both of the Academic and Human Development department; and Dr. Edward Washington, of the English department.

The forum began with Phi Beta Sigma brother, Jama Bouy, showing a video clip of the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee reviewing the question of the Oakland school board's position on Ebonics. The clip depicted Dr. Robert Williams of Washington University, the author of the 1975 book, *Ebonics: The true Language of Black Folk*, testifying about his views on Ebonics.

Williams said that the goal of Ebonics is to help African American children to master standard English. He said that black children generally test lower on Intelligent Quotient tests because African American children grow up in different cultural pools from white children.

Williams testified that when he restructured the tests using Ebonics, a language that the African American child understood, the child did much better than otherwise.

Williams used an example. When he changed a problem from "Mark the toy that is behind the sofa" to "Mark

the toy that is in the back of the couch," black children understood and could answer correctly.

"How do you know where I'm at if you don't know where I'm coming from," Williams said.

When Senator Arlen Specter, of the Appropriations Committee, asked Williams whether children could comprehend two different dialects, Williams answered, "[Children] know there is home talk and school talk. I speak Ebonics every day. On the golf course, I get down."

The forum continued after the video with the members of the panel stating their opinions and beliefs about Ebonics.

"The media made [Ebonics] look so much different than what I found out," said Collins. "It is a myth that they are going to teach Ebonics in schools."

Mostly, Collins had questions about the state of the African American student. She stated that 71% of black students are enrolled in special education classes and that 19% of 12th grade black students did not graduate from high school in 1995.

"Why? I haven't received the answers I want to hear," said Collins.

At this point, a statement came from the crowd.

"I'm going to play devil's advocate," Jawara Griffin, an audience member, said. "We all go to school to learn. Ebonics is an excuse why black people don't graduate."

Baylor-Ayewoh agreed with Griffin that Ebonics is not a pure language in and of itself.

"English is English," Baylor-Ayewoh said. "I'm dealing with a tense point of view. [Ebonics] is not the business language of America. I don't feel it is a language. It is a slang dialect of a language."

Baylor-Ayewoh stressed the fact that by using Ebonics a person will not succeed in the mainstream American world of business. She also stated that what the Oakland school board did was not necessarily wrong, just presented in an incorrect manner and "caught up in the hoopla."

Washington began his section of the discussion by saying that the dilemma of Ebonics is very sensitive.

"It can be a very charged issue," he said. "Politics sometimes gets in the way. Specter reacted uncomfortably whenever Ebonics was used in the discussion."

Washington made the point that the black student felt just as uncomfortable as Specter, a powerful white politician, when confronted with a language he felt anxious about.

Washington stated that he believed Ebonics is a separate language to standard English.

"It is not wrong, just different," Washington said. "It is not standard. It just exists."

Washington agreed with Williams that language and speech is used to fit separate situations.

"We speak to different audiences in different situations," Washington said. "It is a language. But, what we decide is our mastery of both languages. If used in a school, Ebonics is a bridge

to standard English. I don't have a problem with it."

Carter-Onyirimba focused on the needs of the African American student and the strategies they need to succeed.

"It really doesn't matter how it is we get to where we want to go," Carter-Onyirimba said. "If there is a large group of people who do not have the tools to succeed, there are some issues we need to deal with."

Carter-Onyirimba also stated that educators must try and understand some of black students' problems. She said that this is imperative to get African American students to the place where they can take advantages of the possibilities that are present in today's world. Carter-Onyirimba said that if Ebonics is the strategy to get black students to the place they need to be, it should be used. She also admitted that if Ebonics does not achieve its intended purpose "maybe we need to come up with another method."

Carter-Onyirimba also stated her belief that the division of monetary resources is uneven. She stated that African Americans do not receive the percentage of resources that others do.

"There are money issues we need to deal with," she said. "We need to get the money to the people that need to do the job."

Discussion about the responsibilities of parents, the importance of educating black students in standard English, and the significance and importance of black English ensued after the panel stated their opinions.

SGA holds weekly meeting

by Brent McCallus
staff reporter

On Monday February 10th Mansfield Student Government Association held their weekly meeting in 214 Memorial Hall.

Because president Mark Smith was not present at the meeting, vice president Kim Kochin presided over the meeting.

In new business Mansfield University Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development sought to gain recognition by SGA.

Two representatives from ASCD, Krista Russell, acting treasurer/secretary, and Jennifer Matthews acting vice president presented their organization's constitution for review by SGA.

According to Krista Russell one of the purposes of ASCD is to assist in tutoring in the education field.

Jennifer Matthews stated some of ASCD's goals.

"We would like to collaborate with other student groups, and once a month have a guest speaker on interviewing skills," said Matthews.

During discussion, board member Steve Winnie brought to the table the topic of the Board of Student Government President's conference which will be occurring at another university.

According to Winnie, SGA is looking for several senators to represent Mansfield University student government at the conference.

Vice President of student af-

fairs, Joseph Maresco brought to the attention of the senators that a group of Mansfield Borough residents submitted a letter to the Wellsboro Gazette concerning Mansfield University students living off campus.

According to Maresco, this letter was a letter of complaint which one senator suggested would have had a greater effect if it had been submitted to the Flashlight.

The senators agreed that SGA should address the concerns of students living off campus.

Maresco also brought up the fact that Mansfield University might possibly host the mens basketball NCAA conference finals.

"It is an issue that might be fruitful for student government to get involved with, or maybe not", Maresco said.

SGA Board member Steve Winnie presented the idea of having student government sponsor a shoot-out during halftime of one of the basketball games.

"For the winner of the shoot-out, we (SGA) would buy their books for the following semester", Winnie said.

In final comments, SGA senator Robert Thomas addressed concerns about the public using the North Hall Library and suggested the possibility of regulating the use of non-university library users.

Student government senator Rustin Kreider pointed out the library's policy that students have priority over any non students as far as computer usage is concerned.

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Film and lecture series presents '66 film "Blow Up"

by Brent McCallus
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At 7:00pm on February 13, 1997, The Film and Lecture series presented Michaelangelo Antonioni's 1966 classic "Blow Up" in Allen Hall.

Philosophy Professor Robert Timko presided over discussion and hosted the movie, which starred Vanessa Redgrave and David Hemmings.

The movie follows a week in the life of David Hemmings' character, Tom.

Tom is an Englishman presented at the beginning of the movie as a homeless degenerate, and later shown as a successful model photographer.

Tom is taking pictures in the local park when he casually photographs a man and a woman enjoying the day.

The woman later demands the film, however, Tom refuses. Upon examining the film later he discovers that he has photographed a murder in progress. Tom then begins "blowing up" the photographs in an attempt to reveal the murderer.

After the movie, Professor Timko opened the discussion.

"30 years later we look back on a part of (director) Antonioni's career where he experimented with the construction of reality, interpretations, communication, loss of time, ambiguity and color," Timko said.

According to Timko,

Antonioni actually had the park sprayed with green paint because the grass wasn't green enough to contrast with the rest of the scenery.

"This film expresses the contrast between the reality of black and white and color" Timko said.

According to Timko, Tom is the protagonist. The audience finds he is easily interrupted by an immoral interlude. That prevents him from taking any specific action.

"Years ago, I read a journal article about this film entitled 'A Film with No Balls.' This movie is also about the impotence of the individual," Timko said.

Timko stated that when Tom first enlarged the photos they were clear from a distance. As he enlarged them more the image became more blurred.

"The film has a unique continuity," Timko said. "As we follow the blow up, what appears to be clear, becomes larger and larger and more ambiguous."

The use of real-time scenes was an important aspect mentioned by the group.

"The movement being valued," Timko said, "Tom's actions were random movements from context to context... Episodes randomly end, there is no specific ending [of each episode]."

In conclusion Timko said that photography was a construction of reality throughout the film. Through Antonioni's minimalist use of dialog and use of real-time scenes he forces viewers to take a subjective interpretation of the film.

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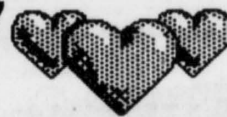
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Around the Nation

America Online network strained, facing lawsuits

NEW YORK (AP) — Even though America Online Inc. has vowed to take all necessary steps to fix its network bottlenecks, the company continues to sign up new subscribers who inquire about its online service.

Critics assert the practice could further strain AOL's network at a time when customers face persistent problems logging on.

The company defends the practice, saying it has capped membership at roughly 8 million and uses new signups to offset cancellations. Although he declined to provide specific numbers, AOL Chief Executive Steve Case said Tuesday that more people have been canceling since the recent troubles escalated.

But some wonder why AOL doesn't stop taking new members to ease demand on its network, which has been swamped with customers who paid \$19.95 a month for unlimited online time but frequently get nothing but busy signals. Under pressure from attorneys general from around the country, AOL agreed two weeks ago to give frustrated customers refunds and credits as well as make it easier to drop the service.

A judge in Seattle last week temporarily barred AOL from signing up new customers in Washington state until it upgrades its system. The restraining order, spurred by a class-action lawsuit against AOL, was overturned by another judge on Monday.

"By continuing to take in other cus-

tomers' money, they are exacerbating the damage they are doing to their current customers," said Seattle lawyer Steve Berman, whose case is among roughly 20 class-action suits facing AOL around the nation.

While AOL told states' attorneys general it would stop soliciting new customers this month by suspending its advertising campaign, it did not agree to refrain from signing up anyone who inquires. Meanwhile, many people say they continue to receive company promotions in the mail.

Case, in an interview with The Associated Press, said that the AOL diskettes arriving in peoples' homes this month were just leftovers from a marketing blitz the company has suspended.

"Most of the things we have in the pipeline would be problematic to unwind," Case said. As far as refraining from adding any new customers for now, he added: "We don't think completely shutting down to new customers is really fair."

More broadly, the issue reflects the beleaguered company's attempt to balance conflicting demands of cyberspace commerce: Soothing customers' frustrations while preserving its large subscriber base so important to attracting online advertisers.

AOL is staking its future profits on a substantial increase in ad revenues, which grew from nothing two years ago to about 10 percent of revenues or \$40 million today.

Clinton begins crusade for education system

AUSTIN (AP) — President Clinton's call this week for a national education crusade found Texas troops already on the march.

From setting standards to testing student performance to emphasizing reading, many of the president's proposals already are in place in the state.

Indeed, Clinton's State of the Union speech Tuesday night at times seemed to echo Gov. George W. Bush's State of the State address a week earlier.

"My No. 1 priority for the next four years is to ensure that all Americans have the best education in the world," Democrat Clinton said.

Said Republican Bush before him: "My fundamental priority is the education of our children."

State Board of Education Chairman Jack Christie of Houston said Friday that he heard a lot of familiar things from Clinton.

"I think it was patterned after Texas.

*"You cannot succeed
if you cannot read,"*

Gov. George W. Bush, Jr.

Whether it's the reading program, or tougher standards, discipline in the schools, technology — we're just a step ahead of that," said Christie, a Republican.

"I just wonder if (Clinton) didn't ask what Texas was doing and pattern something after that. That's not to say we have it perfect ... We've set that pace over the last few years, and the federal government's picking up on it."

In his speech to Congress, Clinton spelled out a 10-point program for education.

Among his ideas: national education standards and student tests; making sure all 3rd graders can read; expanding school choice options, including creation of 3,000 "charter" schools; making certain schools are safe, disciplined and drug-free; and connecting all classrooms and libraries to the Internet by 2000.

All of those ideas either are under way in Texas or being pushed by Bush and state lawmakers.

Leading the list is reading.

Since taking office two years ago, the governor and first lady Laura Bush, a former librarian, have promoted reading with a passion.

"It sounds familiar, and it's good. We want everybody pitching in," Bush said of Clinton's new reading push.

"You cannot succeed if you cannot read," said the governor, who says his "clearest and most profound goal" is for every Texas child to read at grade level by the 3rd grade and continuing reading at grade level or better throughout their school careers.

Bush's new budget proposes \$35 million a year for reading academies and intensive reading skills programs in schools. A group of legislators upped the ante, calling for a \$100 million to fund state grants for reading programs in kindergarten through the third grade.

Clinton's call for testing student achievement also was old news in Texas.

School reform laws passed by the Legislature as far back as the mid-1980s included requirements for testing student performance. Today, Texas students are tested beginning in elementary school and must pass a state exam to receive a high school diploma.

US opens news bureaus in Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move it said would focus more attention on the shortcomings of Communist Cuba, the Clinton administration gave the go-ahead for 10 U.S. news organizations to open bureaus in Cuba. Of the 10, only CNN has permission from the Cuban government.

The Cuban Foreign Ministry said Wednesday that the other media applications, including one from The Associated Press, would be reviewed.

The administration acted after influential conservatives, including Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Jesse Helm, said they would have no objection to the presence of U.S. news bureaus in Havana.

No U.S. news outlet has had a permanent bureau in Cuba since the AP was expelled from the island in 1969.

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the administration action was in keeping with a policy dating back to October 1995 "supporting an increased flow of accurate information to and from and within Cuba itself."

He said the administration believes reporting by U.S. news organizations "will keep international attention focused on the situation in Cuba and on the realities of economic and political conditions there."

"It also will bring greater public exposure to those who are advocating a democratic change in Cuba," he said.

A Cuban Foreign Ministry official in Havana, contacted by telephone, said that CNN was the only U.S. news organiza-

tion authorized by the Cubans.

"We will continue analyzing the rest of the applications" and will make decisions "when the Cuban government considers it opportune," said the official. Cuba approved CNN's application last August.

Several foreign news outlets, including British and French news agencies, have been allowed by the Cuban government to set up permanent bureaus.

But Cuba frequently has granted American reporters visas — usually lasting about a week — for travel to the Caribbean island. Cuban officials have said that 90 percent of visa applications from American reporters have been approved over the years.

Besides CNN and the AP, U.S. government permission to open bureaus was extended to ABC, CBS, Univision, The Miami Herald, Dow Jones News Services, the Chicago Tribune, the Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale, Florida and the School for Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, which publishes a Cuba news letter.

CNN News Group President Tom Johnson said that he was pleased by the administration decision, and that the network's Havana bureau would open in March.

"Our year-round Havana bureau reporting will enable CNN viewers to be more informed about developments in Cuba," Johnson said. Veteran CNN Latin America correspondent Lucia Newman was named Havana bureau chief.

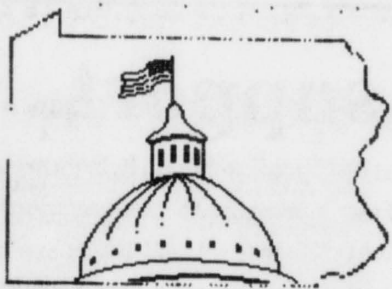
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Pennsylvania in the news

"Dead Man Walking" author ostracized over abortion issue

HARRISBURG (AP) — Officials from the Diocese of Harrisburg refused to appear with death-penalty opponent Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking," before she spoke, saying they were concerned with her recent comments about abortion.

The local chapter of the Pennsylvania Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty had asked Bishop Nicholas C. Dattilo to introduce Prejean at their event Friday.

Dattilo declined and diocesan officials said he was not comfortable appearing with Prejean because she had been quoted in a Catholic publication saying most women have abortions out of desperation rather than choice.

The Very Rev. James M. Lyons, general secretary and vicar general for the diocese, said Prejean's commitment to the death penalty issue was not questioned.

"We just weren't sure where she was on other issues," he said.

The article in Our Sunday Visitor quotes her as saying that to prevent abortions, "we really have to look seriously at the whole thing of birth control, family planning and not having unwanted pregnancies."

Prejean, a member of the Sisters of Saint

Joseph of Medaille, was portrayed by actress Susan Sarandon in a 1995 film based on her book. She has received several Catholic awards for her ministry to death row inmates and victims' families, and her efforts to abolish the death penalty.

Donald M. Mayhew, a Catholic organizer of Prejean's visit, said he did not understand the decision by the diocese.

"This wonderful Catholic woman who is such an advocate for respect for life was coming to a diocese where her presence was not even going to be noted," Mayhew said.

Our Sunday Visitor, a conservative weekly, also reported that Prejean was working on a new book about women's efforts to achieve equality in the Catholic church. Mayhew said diocesan officials also had expressed concern to him about that project.

In making their decision, the diocese did not contact Prejean. But in response to the controversy, Prejean said she supports all life, including the unborn.

Lyons said diocesan staff members did look to sources other than Our Sunday Visitor in an attempt to clarify Prejean's positions, "but we just weren't able to get the clarity we were looking for."

Union textile workers protest over foreign made products

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania textile workers on Monday protested the state's purchase of foreign-made baseball caps for a job-promoting program.

Members of the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees held a news conference in the state Capitol and then went to deliver made-in-Pennsylvania caps to Gov. Tom Ridge. One of the caps, made by a Philadelphia company, featured the military Purple Heart decoration.

Union official Bernie Dinkin said the

labor group was proud of Ridge for his military service, but not for buying foreign goods.

State officials handed out caps made in Bangladesh two weeks ago when Ridge's Team Pennsylvania program was announced. After various explanations, the state placed another order for Pennsylvania-made caps.

Ridge spokesman Tim Reeves said the state made a mistake in not buying caps made in Pennsylvania. He said the consultant hired for the project agreed to pay the \$3,200 cost of the foreign order.

Gov. Ridge criticizes new judicial rating system

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania Republicans and Gov. Tom Ridge on Friday criticized a new rating system for judicial candidates after three GOP hopefuls were rated "not recommended" by a review panel.

The Pennsylvania Judicial Evaluation Commission also found eight Republicans "recommended" for the appellate court seats they are seeking. None of the 11 Republicans was given the top designation of "highly recommended" by the 18-member panel — nine of whom are lawyers.

"The commission was relentless in its search for those sound attributes needed for a person to sit on the commonwealth's appellate courts," said commission Chairman John A. Carpenter of Sunbury. "Ratings were reached much like a jury — by discussion, debate and consensus."

The commission evaluated Republican candidates first because the Republican State Committee meets this weekend to nominate its candidates for Supreme Court, Superior Court and Commonwealth Court. Voters this fall will choose four new judges for Superior Court, one Commonwealth Court judge and one Supreme Court justice.

The panel found the lone GOP Supreme Court candidate, Thomas Saylor, to be "not recommended," saying he "has not yet demonstrated the high level of legal scholarship and characteristics needed to serve on the commonwealth's highest court."

Also given the low rating were James P. MacElree and Michael Joyce, both Common Pleas judges who are running for Superior Court.

On Friday night, before members of the Republican State Committee were seated to open the weekend meeting, a GOP leadership committee endorsed a half-dozen candidates for various judgeships including MacElree, Joyce and Saylor.

MacElree, a common pleas judge in Chester County, said he was as pleased by the leadership vote as he was disappointed what he considered an unfair decision by the panel.

"My job every day is to try to solve problems that people have,"

he said.

Republican state Chairman Alan Novak said the evaluation was biased and flawed and called the panel "a run-away jury."

"The general membership of the Pennsylvania Bar looked to these 18 people to develop a fair process to evaluate judicial candidates. Quite simply, they failed," Novak said. "I will gather the members of the Republican State Committee together and ask them to disregard any recommendations of the Bar Association."

The commission chairman, John A. Carpenter, said the panel's job was not to endorse either party's slate of candidates.

"Essentially, the Republican State Committee is saying, 'Don't rain on our parade. We're comfortable with politics as usual — smoke-filled rooms and all that goes with it — let politics prevail.'"

James Mundy, Pennsylvania Bar Association president, said leaders of both state political parties "were supportive and encouraging with respect to the process" when it was announced in December.

Ridge, in a statement released by his political committee, said he was "gravely disappointed and disturbed" by the evaluation.

"The process did not adequately focus on the qualifications of these candidates based on their records," Ridge said. "Apparently, the critiques appear to be based on the personal opinions of the evaluation committee."

The panel decided to release its findings earlier in the election season than the association had in the past to help voters make up their minds.

Ratings of Democratic candidates will come prior to the party's endorsement meeting on March 1.

State Democratic Chairman Mark Singel said Friday the committee would use the panel's findings as part of its endorsement process.

"It's not going to be the sole determining factor," he said. "We respect and appreciate the citizen effort that they have put forth."

Panel staff could not provide a partisan breakdown of the commission.

Legislation to create new judges

HARRISBURG (AP) — Legislation creating 31 new judges for 24 counties is expected to be signed by Gov. Tom Ridge within the next 10 days, a spokesman for his office said.

The Senate, after concurring to changes made by the House, sent the bill on to Governor Ridge on Monday. The governor must sign it by February 20th in time for judicial candidates to

get their names on the May 20th primary ballot.

Counties with mounting caseloads have for several years been pleading for more judges.

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Ebonics = Education?

In the past couple of months, all of us have become aware of what is known as Ebonics. This time last year, almost nobody knew about ebonics but since the school system in California, particularly Oakland, has decided to make it a recognized language, ebonics has seemed to become the flavor of the month.

Ebonics is thought to be a legitimate language that is predominantly spoken in urban areas. While it is largely spoken in the black community, it is not confined to just this group. Ebonics is known to be spoken by people from many different walks of life.

Linguists say, though it is not known for certain, that ebonics has its roots in the days of American slavery. They also say that ebonics is not a form of slang or another deviation but that it is a valid version of the English language because it follows a particular set of rules.

Some of these rules are that ending D's are not pronounced and neither are ending G's in the suffix "-ing."

Apparently, how this works is the teachers have to learn ebonics in order to make the education of their students easier. The teachers are not going to be teaching ebonics to the students but if the teachers are using ebonics then it is less likely that the students are going to learn formal or proper English.

We at the Flashlight are against the idea of schools accepting ebonics as a language that is worthy of consideration in their curriculum. We have a number of reasons for this.

We would first like to say that this is not an issue about race. It is about the state of the our society today and what we are doing to ourselves.

The problem is that, even if teachers do not actually teach ebonics in their classes, they will still be using it which will make teaching students formal English that much harder.

In today's job market, there is no room for ebonics. This includes business, radio, television, politics, entertainment, etc. It comes down to the fact that people who can't speak proper English sound uneducated and are not going to be trusted with jobs.

Basically, the school board of Oakland is saying that what they are teaching the students is too hard and the students are not doing as well as they should be, so, in an attempt to rectify the situation, the school board is lowering the quality of the education they are giving.

The students in the Oakland school district are being short-changed by the school board and they should be angry that their minds are being wasted. Unfortunately, there seems to be no reaction from the student body, which stands to reason because when you're that age this seems like the greatest thing ever to come along.

We at the Flashlight hope that, before too long, someone in power will realize that this really is a bad idea and stop this while it is still not a wide spread occurrence.

Politicians and educators need to realize that the Oakland school board is undermining their students.

Some people say that the only reason that the Oakland school board did this is to get more federal or state funding. If so, this is a poor excuse to get money. It's also a shame that schools need an excuse to get more money. If money is needed for education then it should be there for the taking. We don't need schools passing bad ideas that will negatively affect their quality. What we do need are schools that worry about the quality of their programs.

Opinions

Thanks for your support...

On behalf of the Men's and Women's Basketball programs I would like to thank you for the efforts you made to help our students and staff be a part of the recent basketball games at Cheyney and Bloomsburg Universities. By sponsoring fan buses to both games you made a decision to use some of your allo-

cations to help many be a part of the fun and entertainment of the "family affair" called MU Basketball. The coaches and plyers love to represent our University and aleways perform better when they know that others are behind them. I had the opportunity to talk to a number of individuals who made the trip and they were most appreciative of

your support to help them travel to see the Mountaineers. We look forward to hosting the PSAC playoffs on campus beginning on February 25 and part of the reason this is happening was your support in key road games. THANK YOU!

Roger N. Maisner
Director of Athletics

References for Holocaust research

To the Editor:

As a brief addition to my statements, and those of Professor Nolan, about the Holocaust Museum, I invite readers to visit the Museum's website <<http://www.ushmm.org/>>. There one can find not only information on the causes of the Nazi Holocaust, but information about political vio-

lence generally. One can read about suffering in the Former Yugoslavia, including speeches by the General Secretary of the United States Catholic Conference, the Director of the Islamic Center in Washington, and the President of the Alliance for Baptists. The archives contain documents on the persecution of Serbs and Jews, the

forced resettlement of Yugoslavs, the killing of Orthodox priests in 1941-43, and testimony of Serbs subject to persecution in Croatia in 1941. There is a description of a film the museum will sow on rape in the Bosnian War.

Jay A. Gertzman
Department of English

Librarians should not play God in North Hall

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Monty McDoo's February 7th letter. He states:

"Finally, as always, if you've academic work to do and you see someone using a computer for nonacademic purposes (e.g. chats, personal e-mail), you can ask them to vacate the workstation or report the problem to the Information Desk."

I assume if you report a student to the information desk, the student on report who happens to be using the PC for email will be asked by the librarian in charge to leave the computer. No MU staff member has the right to ask anyone doing any required academic work on a North Hall PC, including email, to vacate that instructional workstation. I require all of my undergraduate and students to use email for assignments, research, and exams. Other professors

have taught entire courses by email and I'm sure more professors will use email in a variety of ways to communicate with their students and receive electronic assignments from them. Later this semester I will be instructing some of my students how to use Internet chats as an instructional tool.

When anyone opens their mail using Pine email or Eudora email, the current system dumps all of your mail onto the screen. The system doesn't download your personal email one time and your academic email another time. It downloads all of your mail at once. Mail from your professors, on-line journals, electronic news, and personal mail is all mixed together. It is not unusual to download 5-10 messages at once and then spend time replying or forwarding that mail. President Kelchner challenged all of the faculty in August to make full use of the facilities in the new North Hall. I responded to his challenge by requiring students to regularly use email as an academic tool for elec-

tronic office hours, research, exams, and a communication and electronic news tool. I am deeply saddened that any of our librarians would tell anyone they can be evicted from a North Hall computer for using their email. Somehow, some staff really believe that if you are doing anything other than Wordperfect, you are not using your computer for academic purposes.

This letter will serve as a reminder to all of my students that if they are evicted or asked to leave a computer they are using for instructional purposes, including email, to report the incident to me at once. I will then contact the appropriate staff on the fifth floor to resolve the matter. If a student is not in violation of any computer use policy at Mansfield, who has the authority to make up their own rules and proceed to evict students from university facilities?

Dr. Dennis Wydra
Professor Education Department

Letters to the Editor Policy

This space is reserved for you! Every week the *Flashlight* publishes letters from our readers. If you have any concerns or would like to voice your opinion on any subject related to life at Mansfield University, send us a letter to the editor. Letters will be published at the Editorial Board's discretion and may be edited for space and content.

Commentary

Reader responses and other non-important things



Dave Barry

Today, as part of my ongoing series entitled "Advancing Your Career," I'm going to address the often asked question: Should you set fire to your supervisor's beard?

But first I need to formally apologize to the Harley-Davidson motorcycle riders for a column I wrote a couple of months ago in which I stated without having done any research that people who repeatedly rev their extremely loud Harley-Davidsons in crowded public places are jerks.

Well. You talk about stirring up a hornet's nest. I have not received so much irate mail since the time I criticized Neil Diamond.

(NOTE TO NEIL DIAMOND FANS: Please don't write to me again! I now worship Neil as a god! I have a graven image of him to which I ritually sacrifice goats!)

(NOTE TO ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS: I'm just kidding!)

(NOTE TO NEIL DIAMOND FANS: Not that I am saying Neil is not worthy of goat sacrifice!)

In their letters to me, the Harley-Davidson people made four basic points:

1. I am scum.
2. There are important mechanical and safety reasons why Harley-Davidson engines need to be extremely loud and revved a lot.
3. I am lower than scum.
4. Perhaps I would like to have my skull crushed like a ping-pong ball under a freight locomotive.

Here are some actual unretouched quotations from the letters I received:

"Dear Mr. Barry yes you are a looser and yes you are anal retentive."

"You are an idiot! You should be writing you're so called journalism for National Inquirer."

"My loud Harley might catch your attention from concentrating on singing your favorite Barry Manilow song." I don't guess you know that lawyers, Doctors, country singers own Harley."

"You (bleeping) polyester buying, penny loafer sporting, polka-dot tie wearing, bus riding, no life having, (motherbleeper)."

So I just want to make this sincere statement of apology to those Harley riders whom I have offended: Don't you EVER accuse me of listening to Barry Manilow.

(NOTE TO BARRY MANILOW FANS: Just kidding! I love Barry's work! Especially the Dr. Pepper commercial!)

OK, now that we've cleared that up, I want to share with you an item from a newsletter published by the Utah Department of Employment Security, sent to me by alert reader John Balmforth. The newsletter has a feature entitled YOU BE THE JUDGE, which presents a case concerning whether a company was justified in discharging an employee (referred to as the 'claimant'). Here, according to the newsletter are the facts, as determined at a hearing:

"During a disciplinary discussion with his supervisor, the claimant lit the supervisor's beard on fire with a cigarette lighter."

"Shortly thereafter, the claimant refused to follow instructions from his trainer and, when rebuked, the worker pressed a post-it note on the trainer's forehead."

OK! You be the judge! Was the employer justified in firing this person? Think about it, while we play the "Jeopardy" music:

Doo doo doo doo, doo doo doo, doo .

Time's up! The answer, according to the Utah Department of Employment Security is: Yes, the employer WAS justified. The newsletter points out that not only is setting a person's beard on fire dangerous," but also the forehead post-it note indicates "an absence of professional behavior." The department apparently did not give the employee any credit for refraining from attaching the note with a stapler.

Speaking of assaults, I have here a chilling news item from the Sept. 3 edition of the Asbury Park Press, alertly

sent in by John F. Coffey II Attorney at Law. The item, which was written by Sheri Tabachnik and which I am not making up, begins as follows:

"A Belmar man who was throwing uncooked pasta out the window was charged by police with stabbing a man who was hit by the rigatoni, police said."

The article states that the victim and some friends were walking on the street at about 2 am. when "some people in an apartment began throwing uncooked pasta out the window at them." Words were exchanged, and the pasta-wielding perpetrator allegedly came out of the apartment and stabbed the victim. According to a police spokesperson, "He must have him in an artery because he was gushing blood."

The victim survived, but this tragic incident serves as another reminder to us all that, when we feel stress or anger, we must NOT, in a rash moment, unthinkingly reach for the rigatoni. Instead we should remember the words of the great pacifist Mohandas Ghandi, who in a famous 1949 speech, said, "Me, I prefer the number nine capellini." What is all the more amazing about this speech is that Ghandi actually died in 1948.

So in conclusion, let me just reiterate my main points, which are (1) it is unprofessional to set fire to our supervisors, at least in Utah; (2) when pasta is outlawed, only outlaws will have pasta; and (3) we should not be critical of people who make extremely loud motorcycle noises in public if we are sporting penny loafers. And now, if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go listen to "I Write the Songs."

Jurors had no one else to blame but O.J. in the Simpson killings

by Linda Duetsch
Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. The differences were many but in the end it may have come down to one idea the jury in O.J. Simpson's civil trial wasn't offered anybody but the football great to blame.

Although the law did not require the defense to find that answer, it was an underlying theme of the case and one which the defense was barred from exploring in his second trial.

In bitterly fought pretrial motions, defense lawyers lost the option of sug-

gesting to jurors that Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were killed by shadowy figures in the drug underworld a theory offered during Simpson's criminal trial.

Superior Court Judge Hiroshi Fujisaki rejected the strategy on grounds the defense could not back it up with sufficient evidence. Simpson's criminal "Dream Team" suggested Ms. Simpson's drug-using friend, Faye Resnick, placed her in harm's way when they shared living quarters for a time.

Perhaps, the lawyers suggested, Resnick owed big money to drug dealers who came in search of her and killed the victims by mistake.

But Fujisaki found the theory was rank speculation unsupported by evidence and ruled it could not be mentioned.

In a verdict announced late Tuesday, jurors unanimously found Simpson liable in the killings of his ex-wife and her friend and awarded Goldman's mother and father \$8.5 million. A punitive phase of the trial to punish Simpson is scheduled to begin Thursday.

Jurors remained under a gag order Tuesday, so they weren't talking and it's impossible to know what turned jurors so steadfastly against Simpson. Perhaps it was the physical evidence the blood,

hair, fibers or gloves.

Maybe it was something Simpson said or didn't say or 31 pictures purportedly showing Simpson wearing Bruno Magli shoes.

The defense was unable to use the so called race card in the second trial. The testimony of disgraced former police detective Mark Fuhrman was barred by Fujisaki.

Branded as a racist hate monger in the first trial and forced in October to plead no contest to perjury, Fuhrman was accused by the defense during the criminal trial of framing Simpson by planting evidence.

You don't have the time to support the group? Then don't take time to bash it.

by Darren A. Meehan
News editor

Mansfield University's proud tradition of successful competition dates back more than one century. Ever since the first night football game, the students of this community have cried in the face of defeat and wallowed in the pride of victory.

Their stories are as varied as any in "the big city" and yet we still manage unity in spite of the different clubs and organizations.

We also complain too much and help too little. Every fall, our football team works diligently to make the school proud. In the past few seasons, their record fell short of 50 percent. Despite losing, these men still practiced regularly and showed up the next week for the game.

Also every fall, legions of students criticize and belittle the team behind their backs. These critics are the opposite of school spirit. They do not try to raise the spirits of the players. Instead, they complain and criticize and say how horrible the team is while they sit in their dorm room or apartment smoking dope and doing as little as possible for the community or the campus.

And it is not only football players who must contend with this botherance. Every organization and club faces scrutiny. It makes good groups better. But the level of scrutiny and the viciousness of the remarks makes doing a good job more difficult.

This week, the Flashlight was visited by a critic, who will remain anonymous. The editors and "The (Hypo) Critic" talked and discussed some of the errors in the Flashlight. At the beginning of the visit, "The Critic" made some valid

points.

Last week's issue of the Flashlight contained some errors. Text and headlines had extra letters and some articles were accidentally cut short. We acknowledged these errors and the person's responsible, if they chose, took responsibility.

We also placed corrections in this edition for the stories we felt needed to be corrected. We are not perfect and don't act like we are. We make mistakes, we screw up huge sometimes, but we try. And so we accepted the comments and granted the Critic

As the meeting progressed, The Critic continued to criticize until he passed over to the border of offensive. The Critic sat before us and gave us his opinion of the paper (but diplomatically opened and closed with a disclaimer that went something like "I want you to know that I personally like

the Flashlight but...). We welcome comment and criticism. What we do not allow is ignorant criticism. If you don't read the entire article, don't comment on any of it. We welcome opinion; we don't welcome uneducated ones.

A second flaw in the Critic's argument arise in the fact that he recognized our extensive efforts

If you go to the first half of a football game, don't complain about the final outcome.

If you write a paper assigned in your English class critiquing a book, the implication is that you read the entire book.

Then again, if you're an English major, you could help us by editing other people's material for mistakes. They are probably obvious to you because your knowledge of sentence structure and word usage is far greater than most others' on campus.

Kreative Korner

Trip to New York reveals things about the mind

Two days of no sleep and a couple of good friends can be a hallucinogenic

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief to you

It was roughly around 9 a.m. when I rushed into my room that Friday to get everything I needed for the day. I had just finished laying out the paper for that week and my friend had given me a ride to the printer and back to my dorm to save the 15 or 20 minutes that it would have expired if I had taken the paper by foot.

I knew that I was already 2 to 3 hours late for my ride. I had been asked to accompany three of my closest friends to New York City for the day.

I figured out that I could either sleep for the 5 hours that it would take to get there or I could stay awake with the help of massive amounts of caffeine and nicotine. By this time I had been awake for 22 hours and I should have known better because I have never been able to sleep in a car.

So, I made a phone call to alert everyone that I was ready to go and five minutes later we were getting gas and I was realizing that this may not have been such a good idea like everyone had decided when they found out how tired they were because the gray light that the sun was giving off felt like sandpaper on my skin and my eyes felt like a couple of Nytol pills.

The cows seemed to laugh at me as everything I said seemed to bring me closer to losing my voice for the rest of my life. Sort of like screaming in space.

The grayness of the day was a sarcastic echo of what my brain was going through at the time. I thought I'd never be able to see colors again. I shuddered at the thought of a life consisting of only shades. I certainly had no appreciation for the beauty of gray.

Even though the entire trip felt like my body was destroying itself I was in pretty good spirits and I even felt like having a couple shots of whiskey.

The best part was the annoying person who had come along not only slept the whole way to New York but back. She had a long night laying out the paper too.

You never realize how many McDonald's there are until you go on a road trip and stop at every one you see to take a piss because you've had 3 of those Big Slam Mountain Dews in the past hour trying to stay awake through your 25th hour. I know that this is not an incredibly long time to stay awake. I once knew a person who claimed to have stayed awake for over 9 days. I have a lot of doubt about that one but still, an entire day is more time than anyone should have to stay awake. I hate to say it but it probably won't be my last time.

When we were well into New Jersey we stopped at a local gas station to get gas and again to perform our bodily functions. Who knew that we could be at a gas station for half an hour. At this point, someone bought a Moon Pie.

"Here, want a piece? I love these things."

"NO!" I proclaimed.

I never saw or heard from the

Moon Pie again.

I hadn't eaten in about 19 hours at this point and, even though I did, my body didn't seem to take much of a liking to the mint Yoo Hoo and nacho cheese Corn Nuts that I had hunted down like some sort of wild cat in that pitiful little gas station. How can you be so hungry and still have to reject food when it's in front of you?

Well, about this time the stereo had become one of my best friends. Not because of the company I was in but it was making me think less, which helped me to stay awake. Then, closer to the city, the radio took over. I love big city radio. They play music that you would never think of hearing anywhere else because people think that you've either got Bad Company or three different dance songs that all sound the same. I once heard Fugazi on one of my thousands of trips to my second home, Philadelphia. That completely made my day. Literally.

Please, if you ever stay up longer than 24 hours, don't let anyone talk you into eating at Taco Bell. Fortunately, traffic dictated that the chili cheese burrito was not in our future. Sometimes, I begin to think that there may be a god and a benevolent one at that.

The next thing that I remember is the Lincoln Tunnel. I was expecting this grand miracle of modern architecture but what I ended up finding was this literal hole in the ground. That was the first in a continual line of conceptions about New York City being smashed. I had always been told that New York City is a dirty place, but I had no idea. Let's just say that we will never hear on TV, "Try new NYC perfume!"

Everything seemed smaller than I thought it would be. Other cities live up to the expectations but not New York City. The ice skating rink at Rockefeller Center is just too small.

Some of the things that you wouldn't expect end up being the grand things. There is so much light outside that it appears to be daylight at night.

So, we get there and off we go with our full bladders.

Nicotine will make you do some very weird things, such as holding a cigarette in your hand in 20 degree weather with a wind chill of 4 degrees. But as any smoker knows, frostbite will heal but when you need a drag that can't be helped.

At this point, life had become a trial. It had been about 30 hours since I had last slept and all we seemed to do was keep looking for places to use the restroom.

I figured that since I was in New York City I could do something to keep myself entertained and the rest of my group didn't seem to mind. I have a very expensive hobby that many people have complained about but I never listen to them. No, I don't buy prostitutes. I collect music albums and I thought that I could probably find some of the very rare ones, being in a major metropolitan area. I decided on one in particular and off I went.

Album hunting in a city is harder than it is in places like around

here and I discovered that the hard way. More than three record stores later I found one copy of the album that I had decided to search for in the Virgin Megastore on Times Square. I clutched onto it like it was my life blood.

When I rode the escalator to the bottom floor to get a drink at the cafe one of friends told me that she had just had a star sighting. I guess I believe her. She has enough evidence and is totally convinced by her story so I'll say that it's true.

And then we left in the midst of falling ice.

Don't ever bother going to East Stroudsburg at midnight because you won't find anything and it isn't ever worth it.

We traveled about 50 miles per hour, then at about 25 miles per hour, because the turnpike was blocked by these two snowplows that wouldn't let anyone pass them. This was the stretch that the caffeine and nicotine really helped, and my mind started to do really

neat things to my vision and hearing. I had been awake for around 36 or 37 hours and I had just started to hit a point where I could have stayed awake for another 5 or 10 hours.

Kurt had told us that his mom and dad went to a show for quite a few times and the driver and I had a conversation that I will never forget and I will always hold dear to me. Thank you.

And so, at 3:00 a.m. Saturday I went to sleep very peacefully after 41 hours of keeping my eyes open except for blinking and I relished the days that I had and the time I had in the beautiful city that never sleeps.

Thank you: Peggy, Krissy, Marla, and Gene (for making New York City seem a little less intimidating than I had pictured it to be).

I'd like to dedicate this column to my grandfather, Richard L. Petzold, who passed away last week. You were my only grandfather and you were a great man. We drank plenty of beer and scotch in your name. Thank you.

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Kreative Korner

Question- Why are you at Mansfield, Pennsylvania Interpretation of ideas, Freedom of thought, and Involvement!!!

by Krissy Dennis

help me with layout, Gene editor

This space filled courtesy of managing editor Gene, "I hate layout" Yager.

I'd like to take this opportunity to inform you of why you are in college. How daring of me to assume that you have no clue. But, many students start asking themselves why they are in school soon after they arrive here. What is the purpose of this adventure? Why am I subjecting myself to all this hard work and effort? The answer is very simple.

I have conveniently boiled down our mad existence for being in school to three main points. I'll get to them in a minute, but first I'd like to explain my reasons for laboring through all this crap.

Lately I have heard many people complain about various sorts of things. Quite frankly, I feel the need to share with you what I feel are some of

the most important things that we all learn while in college. Take it for what it's worth. I'm sure that many of you will agree with me. I am, after all, your only outlet for entertainment in this paper.

There are three main points that I think are worth mentioning: interpretation of ideas, freedom of thought, and the incentive to get involved. Stick with me as I attempt to enlighten you.

The first thing that students are asked to do in many of their classes is give their opinion. For me, this was a hard adjustment from high school (yes, I can still retrieve memory from that far back). It seems that teachers only tested us on how well we could remember facts. Don't get me wrong, I'm sure some of you had your Mr. Holland's. However, I don't remember being stimulated to deep provoking thoughts most of the time.

During my college career I've written many, many papers in which I

was asked to give my opinion or search out some truth that I felt was apparent. I've even been asked to interpret certain works as I saw fit, with no reprimand if I wasn't exactly on the mark. But that is the point, most of the time there doesn't have to be a mark.

I can't remember a time in my college career when I was told to keep my mouth shut and my opinions to myself. Voicing our own separate and unique beliefs is what makes a college classroom tick. Without this wide array of perspectives, Mansfield University would be graduating zombie-like creatures who could not give an educated opinion on a number of subjects if their life depended on it.

One of the most important things that any college student can do is to get involved. I know that I sound like a cheerleader for the university, but so be it. This is, after all, the place where you will make your lasting impressions on the big wigs out there who may hire

you. Even if you are not out to impress anyone else, do it for yourself. There is nothing like watching Jeopardy and actually knowing the hard questions.

The second reason to join organizations is even better than the first. Being involved with a group gives you more freedom to express ideas and be creative. For example, if you join Students For A Free Tibet (shameless plug) you have the opportunity to change lives and give meaning to your own. You could declare yourself a Women's Studies minor and liberate yourself from the doldrums of everyday life. Another shameless advancement of a cause that everyone should fully support.

The next time you feel like packing up your stuff and hitting the road, think twice. Right now, you might see your classes as an interruption to your nap time, but in actuality it is helping you grow intellectually and spiritually. Boy, I hope my professors read this and decide to reward my insight with stunning grades.

A top five list-we couldn't afford ten- monetarily or mentally

by Mike Perrotti

staff underachiever

As we all finish up with our classes everyday, a bright object comes into sight. At first, you take it as the sun. The closer you get, you begin to think it is a shrine built in honor of Big Bird. No, this canary-colored creation is our Rec Center. As I sit with the Rec Center in sight, I look at my semester bill. "\$100 Recreation Center" it sadly states. Finally, the thought comes to me, "If I am paying \$100 a semester for this large yellow building, what good can come out of it?"

1) Our Rec Center can be an emergency landing station for aircraft on foggy days. Instead of looking for those pesky bulbs on a runway, a pilot can look for this huge, yellow palace to land to safety.

2) We, the poor students of MU, can begin to charge admission to the campus by boasting, "come to Mansfield, we have dug up a building from El Dorado, the city made out of Gold!!!!"

3) When the Green Bay Packers play the Eagles, they can take a ride up here and practice in our building and feel right at home.

4) Hey, if the ugly styles of the 70's really make a comeback, Mansfield's Rec center is going to become like the happenin' place to be!!!

5) The building gives new meaning to Mansfield's new saying "Imagine". When visiting friends ask "What the heck is it? Is that building yellow?", we can respond "NO, you're just imagining it!!"

Well lets just be thankful this yellow thing didn't catch on campus wide. Just remember, if they decide to paint North Hall yellow the entire town of Mansfield would be blind!

A story about the origins of Valentine's Day

by Gene Yager

I'm sick of laying out for you

Well, well, I have returned for another column. I am a hypocrite, and I have no shame. Oh well, grin and bear it. I am here today, visiting with your mind once again, and shaking hands occasionally with your libido. I know that you don't care, and if you had your way, I would be in some parallel dimension with a straight jacket restricting my every thought. However, I am here, and you are there, and did any of our time together really matter in the very end of it all, anyway? Well now, join me on a journey of mind and spirit, and we will go. If you are still reading, good. You are the only person I wanted to talk to anyway. The rest of the weeds have been weeded out, and now it is just you and me. The music replayed on the speakers by the wall-"Goodbye, cruel world, I'm leavin' you today. Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye."

My Editor has just informed me to write on Valentines Day. Now I know that if you have read my first column, you understand that this is an unusual topic. I will try my best to make it inter-

esting. I will tell you a story that I heard from an old wise man and amateur shaman.

Valentines Day, according to this old man was started in the mountains of Kansas during the last earthquakes of '56. The mayor of a small town in Kansas, called Valentville, Mayor Cupido, an Italian immigrant from Paris, and very religious man was about to be lynched by a large mob of socialist democrats. The socialist democrats had decided to kill Mayor Cupido because he had neglected the unemployment issue of Valentville. The irate workers claimed that he had no heart. When Cupido heard about this problem, he decided to take a nap.

As he slept, he had a dream. In the dream, he ran around shooting people in the ass with arrows. He was dressed in a little outfit, and every time he shot someone, they began to make passionate love to the people next to them. As the orgy raged on, Cupido woke up in a cold sweat. His first impulse was to start a nudie magazine. However, after considering the legal implications, he decided against it. Cupido's next thought was to begin selling birth control products. After explaining the idea to the democratic

socialists, a factory was built. Unfortunately, "Holy Condoms" was a flop. After another conversation with the workers, he decided to begin making cards with images of his dream printed on the front. The type on the card originally read "Greetings from Valentville" However, after a printing mistake, the cards read "Happy Valentville" When Cupido read the cards, he decided it would be easier to just complete the sentence on the card, and place the word day at the end.

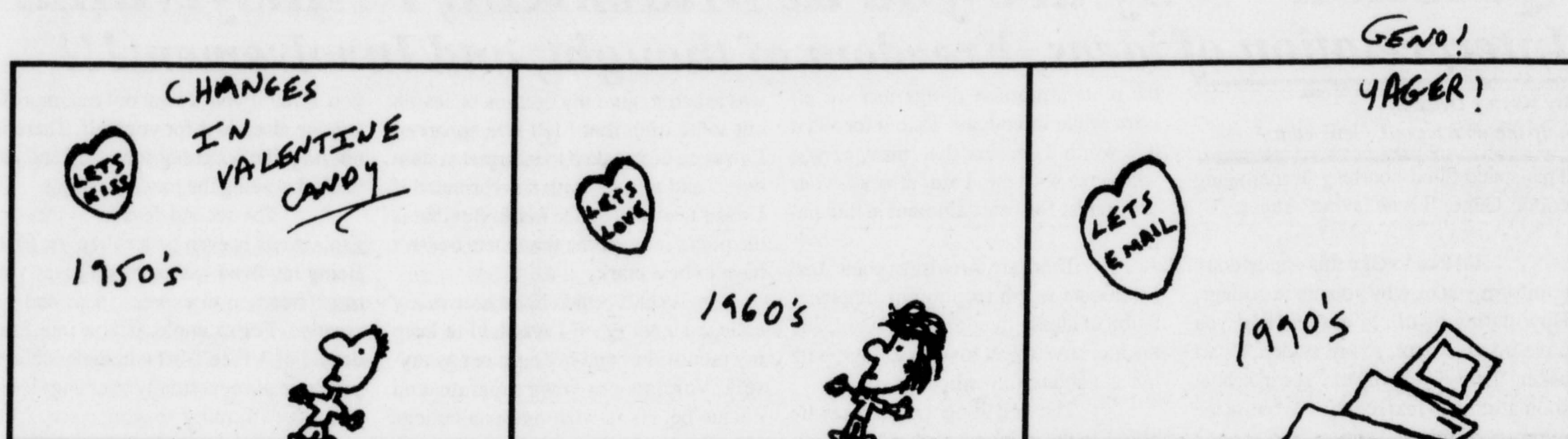
Finally, because of budget cuts, and several workers disappearing in the machinery, Cupido could no longer afford the letters "ville". To compensate for this, Cupido replaced those letters with the letters "es". And so ushered in a new era in this world. Wars were ended, the pull of gravity decreased, and nobody criticized other people for doing hard work. Valentines day, according to this old man, was an opportunity for me to say I love you to my girlfriend. Hey, wait a second, I thought as the old man babbled on, I can tell my girlfriend that I love her anytime! So I stomped the old man, chopped off his head, and fed his body to the lions at the Bronx Zoo.

Anything real important to say? Any talent that needs to be shared with the world? It can happen here at the Flashlight.

Bring it to the Flashlight. Send it via mental telepathy or just drop it off like any other non-special person.

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WESTCHESTER

INDOOR Track: 2/15

@ CORNELL

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@ GANNON

Dana Vosburgh sets Mountie record at Gannon Invitational



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Dana Vosburgh, a senior co-captain, set a new Mansfield record for the mile run with a time of 4:31.79 at the Bucknell Invitational. Vosburgh also holds the Mansfield record in the 1000 meter run.

Masker leads the Mountaineers to a win against Cheyney



photo provided

Jill Masker, a 5'3" junior point guard, paced the Mountaineers in their seventh victory of the season last Saturday. "I thought she played with a lot of confidence and leadership down the stretch," Mountaineer Head Coach Jennifer Lynch said.

Mountaineers sneak past the Wolves

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mountaineer Women's basketball team defeated the Cheyney Lady Wolves by the slim margin of 69-66 last Saturday at Cheyney University.

The first half ended deadlocked at 31-31. The Mounties survived on made free throws as they only shot 26% from the floor.

The Mountaineers were aggressive, outshooting Cheyney, but the Mounties hit only nine buckets in the first half. Neither did Mansfield connect on any three-point attempts. They did shoot over 70% from the line hitting, on 13 of 18 tries.

While reaping the rewards of the mercy stripe, the Mountaineers did not reward the opposition many chances at the line.

The Lady Wolves hit 43% of their shots from the floor but were only 50% from the foul line, hitting five of 10 attempts.

Near the end of the first half, Mansfield found themselves behind by eleven points. They rallied back in the five remaining minutes before the intermission. This seemed to give the Mounties the momentum they needed in the second half.

"We scored 11 unanswered points which is a tribute to our defense," said Mountaineer Head Coach Jennifer Lynch.

The Mountaineers have been



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Junior guard, Jill Masker, drives against the Lady Wolves defense. Masker had 15 points and led the Mounties in the second half with three three-pointers.

accused this year of not playing a solid 40 minutes worth of basketball. They proved themselves last Saturday, outscoring the Lady Wolves in the last minutes of the game.

Jill Masker was instrumental in the Mansfield victory.

"I thought Jill played with a lot of confidence and leadership down the stretch," Lynch said.

Masker's second half long range three-point attack and solid defense was the boost that the Mounties needed to get past Cheyney. Masker hit

three three-pointers in the second half. All the Mountaineers shot better in the second half, raising their field goal percentage by 10%. Their stingy defense also committed fewer fouls that they gave up in the first half.

Masker and Cheryl Farabaugh, the two Mountie point guards, handled the ball well, holding the number of turnovers to a minimum. Farabaugh contributed four assists to the Mountaineers' effort on the night.

"We were able to keep our turnovers to 15 which is a good number for us," said Lynch.

Senior forward, Becky Dutko,

MOUNTIE NUMBERS



Record: 5-18 (2-8 PSAC)

Next Home Game: 2/19,
East Stroudsburg, 6:00

PSAC Ranking: 6th

led the Mountaineers in total scoring with 20 points. Along with Masker's 15 total points, Elizabeth Bricker added 11 more to round out Mansfield's scoring.

"It's nice," Lynch said. "It's nice to get the win. But we still have to give credit to Cheyney. They played a good game."

Culver leads the Mountaineers past Cheyney

by Beth Hoobler
sports reporter

The Mansfield University men's basketball team is set to capture their 6th PSAC conference title with a decisive win over Cheyney University 88-78 last Saturday at Cheyney.

The win increased their first place lead in conference standings by two games.

With only three regular season games left in the schedule, the Mountaineers record increased to 20-3, the first time they have had a 20 game season since 1984-85.

The Mountie's leading scorer, predictably, was the PSAC player of the week, Louis Judson, who scored 27 points.

Three other players rang up double figures. Lawrence Culver had 18 points, and a career high 21 rebounds. Freshman, Tommy Harvey, had 16, and Senior co-captain Kenny Woseley added an additional 10 points to the Mountaineers final tally.

Mansfield led by as much as nine points throughout the first half. But the Wolves threatened, and tied the game at 36-36, with four minutes remaining before halftime.

The Mountaineers then went on to score ten points, led by Judson. The score at the end of the first half was 46-38 with the Mountaineers possessing the lead.



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Lawrence Culver "Mr. Windex" throws down a dunk against the Wolves. Culver had 21 rebounds.

In the second half, the Mounties opened up their biggest lead of 51-38, thanks to the heroics of Judson, Culver, and Harvey.

The Wolves roared back, and even led briefly at the four minute mark. Culver and Woseley came through for the Mountaineers and put the game away.

Culver scored six of his 18 points at this crucial moment, and Woseley added four of his total ten points.

"Cheyney is as good as any other team in the PSAC," Mountaineer Head Coach Tom Ackerman said.

"And they are next to impossible to beat at home. We knew they would make some runs, but we didn't fold when things got tough and we played like a championship team in the last couple minutes of the game"

Mansfield shot well from the field, never falling below 50%. They also were effective at the free-throw line, ringing in a 64% game average.

The Wolves leading scorer, Anthony Carr, managed only two points due to Mansfield's solid defense.

Only three other Cheyney players scored in double figures on the night. None of these tallied more than 18 points.

Cheyney shot 41% from the floor for the entire game, and only 12.5% in three-point attempts.

Mansfield outshot the Wolves by hitting 45% of their own three-pointers.

Mansfield is still ranked 14th in the nation for Division II. Their win over Cheyney gives them an 8-1 record in the PSAC East, with a tie-breaker over Cheyney if it should occur.

The Mounties have now swept the Wolves, beating them twice, in league play.

Mansfield has not won the PSAC conference crown since the 1984-85 season, thirteen years ago.

The Mountaineers are still ranked 14th in the nation.

Mansfield continue its road trip by traveling to PSAC rival Bloomsburg on Wednesday.

Mounties clinch number one in PSAC East

by Jason Feather
sports editor

Wednesday night is a night that Mansfield men's Head Basketball Coach, Tom Ackerman, won't soon forget.

On the campus of Bloomsburg University, in the Nelson Fieldhouse, Ackerman's Mounties, ranked 14th in the nation this week, had the opportunity to wrap up the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Championship for the first time since the 1983-84 season with a win over the Bloomsburg Huskies.

With a 86-84 victory over Bloom (13-9 overall, 5-5 conference), the Mounties (21-3 overall, 9-1 conference) insured themselves home court advantage as long as they are in the PSAC playoffs.

The win was also the first at the Nelson Fieldhouse for the Mountaineers since the 1984-85 season.

"I can't say enough about the way this team came back and won this game, especially playing at a place like this," an elated coach Ackerman said. "We never gave up and that's what we're going to need going into the playoffs."

Louis Judson, Lawrence Culver, and Kenny Woseley once again led the way for the Mountaineers.

Judson, a PSAC Player of the Year candidate, was able to play the stretch run in foul trouble, finishing the game with 20 points, including a key free throw with :10 seconds remaining.

His performance enabled him to set the new single season scoring record with 551 points, and also gives

him 1402 career points keeping him in 5th place all-time.

Judson needs just six points to move into third place on the Mountaineer career points list.

Culver's 16 points and 17 rebounds gave him his 18th double-double of the season.

Woseley scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half after foul trouble caused him to sit all but eight minutes in the first half.

Freshman, Tommy Harvey (4 points), was also in foul trouble, but reserve freshman point guard, Kevin Perluk, stepped up and played superb.

Perluk shot 3 of 4 from the field, including swishing his only attempt from downtown, and played nearly 21 minutes.

"I was pleased with the play from the entire bench, but Kevin's performance stood out," Ackerman said of Perluk. "He had 7 points, 4 assists, a couple rebounds and steals, no turnovers."

Coach Ackerman had every right to be pleased with his entire bench's play.

Bryan Zarzedez, who substitutes for either Culver or Steve Shannon (13 points, 4 rebounds), contributed 4 points and 2 rebounds in 15 minutes of play.

"Bryan only shot the ball once, and made it," Ackerman said of his junior reserve forward. "His other opportunity he was fouled, and he converted both free throws."


Ackerman's other two bench performers, Damoun Lopez and Anthony Brown, played significant roles as well.

"Damoun's two points were

crucial when we were trying to cut into Bloom's lead," Ackerman said of Lopez. "And Anthony, although he doesn't contribute to the offense, his defense was invaluable on Ellzy."

When Coach Ackerman was speaking of Ellzy, he was referring to Bloom's PSAC Player of the Year candidate, Mike Ellzy.

MOUNTIE NUMBERS



Ranking, PSAC East:
1st/14th

Next Home Game: 2/19, East Stroudsburg, 8:00

Record/Streak: 21-3
(9-1 PSAC), won 3

Radio: 89.5 WNTE

Ellzy needed only 17 points to become Bloomsburg's all-time leading scorer. He scored 30 points and grabbed 7 rebounds for the Huskies. His 21.4 points per game average is second in the PSAC to the Mounties Judson.

The Huskies also got key contributions from Travis Wealand (11 points, 7 assists) and Kevin Scott (11 points, 11 rebounds).

Mansfield now has two home games remaining.

A contest next Wednesday, February 19th, against East Stroudsburg University (6-16 overall, 2-7 conference), and then Saturday the 22nd, against West Chester University (13-9 overall, 6-3 PSAC).

The Mountaintop

Mountaineer athletes reaching for the pinnacle of success



Joel Brinker

Joel Brinker, a senior, is ranked the top wrestler by wins in the PSAC. He has a lifetime record of 70-28. His current record for this year is 29-6, one win shy of a Mountaineer season record of 30 wins. If things go as they should, by the end of this year's season he will have made his way into Mountaineer record books. Brinker is ranked third in winning percentage in the PSAC in his 150 pound weight class by his winning 83% of his matches. Brinker hails from Mill Hall, Pennsylvania and graduated from Bald Eagle Nittany High School.

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"Please, please tell me you're Okay"

--The WORM,

Dennis Rodman, right after he fell on a cameraman while trying to grab a rebound in his second game back after being suspended for kicking a cameraman in the groin.

"I don't think that there is any other place I would rather be than New York."

--The TUNA,

Bill Parcells, at the press conference announcing him as the Jets new head coach

OUT LOUD about the WORM and the TUNA

*"If I could be any person for a day, it would be Dennis Rodman, but without the dresses and stuff."

--Grant Hill, Detroit Pistons all-star point guard and affable "nice-guy" role-model.

*"It depends on how long he is going to be with us."

--Scottie Pippin Chicago Bulls All-Star forward and Rodman team mate, when asked if he thought Dennis would help the Bulls organization.

*"I'm in it for the long haul."

--Bill Belichick

The New York Jets Head Coach one week before he was replaced by Bill Parcells.

"It's too bad that we don't have sandwiches for this 1:00 press conference."

--Leon Hess

Octogenarian, and New York Jets owner about the press conference he held to announce the hiring of his newest Head Coach, Bill Parcells.

* taken from ESPN Sportscenter

More Sports

Women hoopsters fall to the Bloomsburg Huskies

Jill Mancini
sports reporter

Wednesday night marked the 23rd game for the Mansfield University Women's Basketball team when they played against Bloomsburg University.

The Mounties, unfortunately lost 75-54, which drops their record 5-18.

Senior, Elizabeth Bricker was the top scorer for the Mountaineers with 10 points. Cheryl Farabaugh, a point guard grabbed a Mountie high five rebounds.

As a whole the team shot 33.3% throughout the game, but they were 100% for their free throws.

"We did not do one thing in particular wrong, it was just that the majority of our shots didn't fall," said Farabaugh.

The Mounties stayed with the Huskies throughout the first half but lost momentum in the second.

"We only shot 27% in the first half and that really hurt us. Versus Bloomsburg, we played very timidly on offense and defense.

Lynch could do nothing but look ahead to the Mountaineer's next game.

"[Timidness], combined with poor shooting, added to the loss. We're just going to try to forget that one and move on," said Coach Lynch

Jennifer German totalled over 20 points for Bloomsburg and slammed the door shut on the Mounties hopes of a comeback.

"We were afraid to shoot and we didn't keep Jen German isolated," Farabaugh said. "She really hurt us."

The Bloomsburg's Women's Basketball team improves their record now to 17-6 with the help of Jen German scoring a total of 27 points.

Vosburgh leads Mountaineer's effort the at Bucknell Invitational

by J.P. Fella
sports reporter

The Mansfield University track team competed at the Bucknell Invitational on Saturday, February 8.

Senior Dana Vosburgh provided another solid performance for the Mounties by setting a new school record for the indoor mile with a time of 4:31.79.

Vosburgh bettered the previous record of 4:34 set by Welles Lobb in 1977 and finished fifth in his heat, the second of four held in the mile. He was also sixth in his heat in the 1000 meter run with a time of 2:39.5.

Mike Lane finished first in his heat in the 1000 with a time of 2:39.0 for the Mounties while Matt Opdyke was second in heat three of the 1000 with a time of 2:46.9. Dave Coyle won his heat, one of nine held in the 200 meter dash, with a time of 23.61.

For the Mansfield women, Carrie Aten finished second in heat nine of the 200 meter with a time of 31.23 and second in heat eight of the 400 meter with a time of 1:09.94.

Brenda Hamm finished second in heat ten of the 200 with a time of 31.97 and fifth in heat seven of the 400 with a time of 1:11.09.

The Mounties next meet is Saturday at Cornell.

The Women's Basketball team will play their next game on Saturday, February 15th at University of Pitt-Bradford at 2 p.m.

Game time is set for 2:00 pm.

Mountaineer swimmers

perform well Lose to Warriors at East Stroudsburg

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

Despite a strong performance by Nikki Noaeill and Sheri Weber, the East Stroudsburg Warriors dropped the Mountaineer swimmers by a score of 103-88 last Saturday.

Noaeill captured three first places for the Mounties by winning the 200 freestyle, 50 freestyle, and the 100 freestyle. She was the only Mountaineer to win a first place. Noaeill has won every 50 freestyle race she has competed in this year. She will defend her unbeaten streak at the PSAC championships next week.

"That poses an interesting thing because Noaeill will not be rested," said Mansfield Swimming Head Coach Diane Heydt. Noaeill will not have the luxury of the rest that the other swimmers will have as the Mounties fight for a place in the championships.

Noaeill has already qualified for nationals in the 50 freestyle. Bonnie Remus also qualified for nationals as a diver. Remus is questionable for nationals as she is injured.

Overall, the Mounties had 10 lifetime best swims, including a new school record for the 200 backstroke by Weber.

"As a team we swam very well," Heydt said. "But, as a whole, East Stroudsburg was a better team that day than we were."

Heydt is serving only her first year with the Mountaineers and has led them to their current 4-5 record. This is the best season record they have had in seven years. The last two years the Mounties have assembled only a 1-8 record.

"The women could have been 1-8, but they really came through a lot," Heydt said. "I am really pleased with being 4-5. [It] won't hurt our recruiting."

The Mounties will travel to the PSAC championship at West Chester University on February 20 through the 22.



Louis Judson set a Mansfield all time single season scoring record with 551 points this year.

MEN'S PSAC EAST

Mansfield will be the #1 seed in the East. West Chester and Cheyney have playoff spots. Bloomsburg can get into the fourth spot in the East with a win at Kutztown Saturday. Millersville is out of playoff consideration having lost twice to Bloom. Should Bloom finish in a two-way or three-way tie with ESU and/or Kutztown at 5-7, Bloom is out. In a two-way tie between ESU and Kutztown, Kutztown is in. In a three-way tie, ESU is in. A Cheyney win over WCU Saturday will help the Wolves chances of a first round host position via a sweep of WCU in the regular season.

MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS (through Feb. 12)

Western Division

Team	PSAC W/L	OVERALL W/L
x-Clarion	8-1	18-4
x-Edinboro	6-4	11-11
IUP	6-4	14-9
Shippensburg	5-4	10-13
California	4-5	13-10
Lock Haven	3-7	6-17
Slippery Rock	1-8	7-16

Eastern Division

Team	PSAC W/L	OVERALL W/L
x-MANSFIELD	9-1	21-3
x-Cheyney	6-3	14-9
x-West Chester	6-3	13-9
Bloomsburg	6-5	13-9
Millersville	3-7	8-15
East Stroudsburg	2-7	6-16
Kutztown	2-7	5-17

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Campus radio creates a 'Giant' buzz

WNTE 89.5 draws in local listeners and makes good on plans to expand its reach

By Joey West
Staff reporter

It's not exactly the easiest station to find, being nestled at the far end of the radio dial between Christian programming and the classical music station, but Mansfield Universities's student run-station, WNTE 89.5's signal keeps pulsing on.

The Station

The station, affectionately known as Giant 89, currently has a radius of about 5 miles and operates at 115 watts has big extension plans for the future. Just last month the station bought a new transmitter that will upgrade the transmitter to approximately 3000 watts.

This is a major first step to taking Giant 89.5 into a more regional area of listeners, according to Brian Bair, assistant general manager. He continued by saying that students, "would like to be able to hear it up to the (Arnot) mall" up in the Big Flats, NY, area.

Currently the station is taking bids for a tower that will complete the expansion. With the completion of the tower next fall, the station will have close to a 50 mile radius and will be able to be heard as far south as Williamsport and as far north as Corning.

When asked about the rules for the station, Bair said that there is "no messing around" tolerated at the station. He said that if he hears of any DJ using profanity on the air then the DJ is fired, no questions asked.

Bair went on to say that "the station is licensed under the school which means basically the school is in charge of everything." This does not mean that MU runs the station, but that MU allows the students the opportunity to gain a further education in broadcasting. They do not, by any means, censor any broadcast.

Disc Jockeys

To be a DJ, the need to like



Photo by Brent McCallus

Jason Guinter, senior broadcasting major and chief engineer for campus radio 89.5 WNTE, is seen here doing a radio show in the WNTE studio in South Hall. The station is currently in the middle of arranging a transmitter upgrade that would allow it to broadcast at a radius of 50 miles.

music is a must. This and a test that has to be passed on radio lingo is all that is needed to have a radio show on Giant 89.5, according to Ryan McKeirnan, a MU junior from Crosby, Pa, who has a show every Wednesday from 2-4pm.

McKeirnan went on to say that running a, "radio show is not hard. I started at home working as a DJ on one of the local stations." He continued by saying that, "you can play just about anything you want, nobody cares."

McKeirnan, who likes to play alternative music, said that he gets a decent amount of feedback from his audience.

"I usually get about three or four requests during my show," he said. "Lately I have been getting a lot more."

McKeirnan said that he

got into radio because he likes to speak in front of people and because he feels that doing a radio show is good practice for his future career of sports broadcasting.

Another DJ, Karen Holgate, a sophomore, said that she receives three or four requests during her show, "The Comedy Hour," which runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-10am.

She also does double duty as the station's business manager. She said that the job is just basically a, "glorified treasurer."

"The radio is not just for music either," Bair said. "There are several talk shows that are scattered around (the time slots)."

In addition to talk shows

the station covers many MU home sporting events, including the nationally ranked men's basketball team.

One of the most popular shows on 89.5, called "Eclectic," can be found Sunday nights from 10 to midnight. The show, which is hosted by Matthew Noldy, a junior from Sayre, Pa., combines a solid mixture of music and talk.

Noldy says he plays music that nobody else seems to play and that he has a large selection of albums and artists ranging from The Doors to the most recent releases. He also is a concert buff and throughout his show he enlightens the air waves with a true concert review.

Besides being just a DJ, Noldy plays drums and sings for the local band "Black Majik Jesus." The band recently played to a large audience in "The Hut."

Student Reactions

Many local reactions to the tunes being played by the station this year have been positive.

Michelle Wilson, a freshman honors student from Kingston, Pa., enjoys the station's programming.

"I think it is a very good station that plays a variety of music," Wilson said, "I like it better than the commercial stations."

Jeff Fariello, a freshman, thinks "it's a good communications source for the campus" and likes to listen to the 'Eclectic' show on Sundays and 'The Ryan Show,' every Wednesday at 2pm.

How to Get Involved

Bair said that if anyone is interested in having a radio show, they should stop by and talk to him or the general manager, Jeffrey Burr, at the radio station offices in the basement of South Hall. Those interested can either stop by or call 662-4653.

Bair said that he is at the station at least three hours a day and he will be glad to help anyone interested. There are plenty of slots available.

Calendar

Saturday, February 15

8 am-4 pm - Vocal Workshop in Steadman Theatre
3 pm - Jennifer Fritz Senior flute recital in Steadman Theatre
8 pm - MAC movie, "First Wives Club", in Allen Hall.
- Sigma movie featuring "The Pallbearer" at Zanzibar
10 pm - Zanzibar special program: Night at the Races

Sunday, February 16

3 pm - John McKelvey Senior trombone recital in Steadman Theatre
7 pm - Kenneth Sarch/Nancy Boston, Violin/Piano, duo faculty recital in Steadman
8 pm - MAC movie, "First Wives Club", in Allen Hall

Monday, February 17

- Last scholarship auditions in

Steadman Theatre

4:30 Flashlight staff meeting, Memorial 217
- Macarena ban vote at SGA meeting.

Tuesday, February 18

1 pm - Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center

Wednesday, February 19

11:45 to 5:45 - Red Cross

Blood Drive in North Dining Hall sponsored by Student Union
6 pm Women's basketball at home vs. East Stroudsburg
8 pm Men's basketball at home vs. East Stroudsburg

Thursday, February 20

1 pm - International Discussion Hour in MLK Center
Phantom opens through Sunday in Straughn Hall.

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Timko named officer of national organization

by Joey West
staff reporter

Dr. Robert Timko, an associate professor of philosophy and liberal studies at Mansfield University, was recently elected vice president of the American Association of Philosophy Teachers.

He will serve as vice president during the calendar years 1997 and 1998. After that on January 1, 1999, Timko will ascend to the presidency of the organization for two years and will deliver the presidential address in the year 2000.

"It gives a real sense of satisfaction (because) they are recognizing you," Timko said. He added that most of his predecessors in the position are from larger schools.

AAPT, of which Timko has been a member for 10 years, is an international affairs organization with over 500 people from the United States, Canada, Japan, South Africa and England. He added that his election "may say something about the school's dedication to teaching."

Timko, who is also the associate director of Canadian Studies at MU, wrote a news article exploring the history, the accomplishments and the vision of the State System of Higher Education Canadian Studies Collaborative. The article, which is entitled "Canadian Studies and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education," appears in the latest edition of the journal *Canadian Studies Update*.

While on sabbatical next fall

from the university, Timko will do four months of travel and research in Canada, partially funded by a Faculty Enrichment Grant of \$4,000 from the Canadian Embassy. The topic of Timko's research is the relationship between Canadian philosophy and Canadian popular culture, during which he will be examining the philosophical foundations of Canadian theater, film and music.

Timko has taught at MU since 1987. He holds a doctorate from the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. His main research interests include applied philosophy, philosophy and film, professional ethics and philosophy of religion.

Timko added that anyone interested in AAPT can go to the philosophy home page via MU's web page.

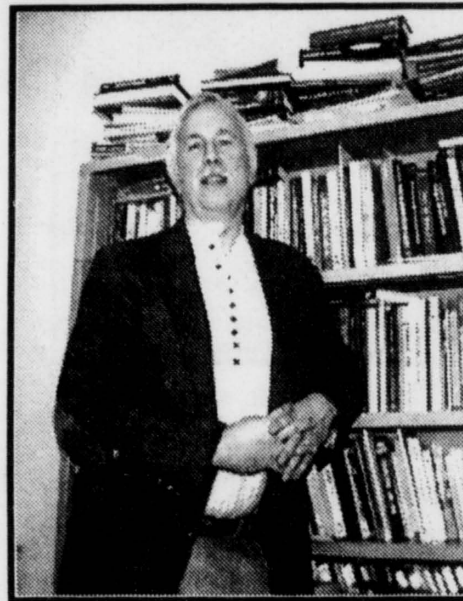


photo by Megan Sallade

Dr. Robert Timko was recently named vice-president of AAPT.

Red Cross annual blood drive falls short of it's goal

by Darren A. Meehan
news editor

The annual spring American Red Cross Blood Drive, which was held in North Dining Hall on Wednesday, managed to collect 133 productive pints of

blood but fell short of its goal of 175 pints.

According to Tom Johnston, co-coordinator of the blood drive, he was slightly dissatisfied by the turnout but said that he did what he could to drum up campus interest in the event.

"I tried to spread the news all

over campus and in the town," he said. "I can't think of anything else to do to notify students."

In an attempt to boost blood collection, Mansfield University's All Resident Hall Council and the Red Cross offered incentives such as a drawing for three \$50 gift certificates to WalMart. The three winners, selected after the blood drive, were Amy Powell, Justine Selechick and Elisha Adelstein. Johnston also added that, relative to the campus population, students outnumber faculty.

"Although I don't have any official numbers and I didn't sit there and count, there seems to be more students than faculty," Johnston said. What's interesting is the number of first time donors there are. There are also students who can't miss the blood drive!"

Besides students donating blood, volunteers on campus also supported the blood drive by giving their time and helping with the collection process.

"Even though there are only a few fraternities and sororities on campus, the ones (who volunteered) were all a big help and we appreciated it," Johnston said. "I especially appreciate

it because I really haven't had to worry about anything."

Student volunteers worked with trained volunteers from the Red Cross helping make the blood donation process a smooth operation, according to Johnston.

JoAnn Horton, Blood Service Coordinator from the Red Cross' Tioga County chapter, stated at the end of the day that no serious problems were encountered and credits pre-donation instructions with helping to keep things on track.

"Normally, there aren't any problems, but it happens. You need to eat," before donating she added, "and increase fluid levels. We try to inform students and let them know what needs to be done before they come in so they don't have any problems, but it happens."

First time donor Lindsay Arbogast, sophomore, donated blood and required medical attention during her donation, but does not feel the Red Cross is responsible although she never heard of any instructions.

"I was really nervous before it and, suddenly, it just hit me. It was my

see BLOOD, pg. 2



photo by Megan Sallade

Student gives blood at this semester's annual blood drive.

SSHE budget proposal looks promising for 1997-98 fiscal year

Special to the Flashlight

Officials from the State System of Higher Education are saying that Governor Tom Ridge's recently released 1997-98 budget proposal, which would tentatively entail a two percent budget increase, is a promising step towards better SSHE/state relations.

"(SSHE) is encouraged that Governor Ridge has recommended increased funding for public higher education," said F. Eugene Dixon, Jr., chairman of SSHE's Board of Governors in a previously released statement. "The governor's proposal is a positive beginning to the state budget process."

Ridge's proposal provides \$404.8 million for the 1997-98 fiscal year, Ridge has a \$7.9 million increase over last year's budget of \$396.9 million.

Ridge also proposed a two percent increase for two SSHE special purpose appropriations. Affirmative action initiatives and the recruitment of disadvantaged students will receive an increase of \$1.4 million.

"The inclusion of special purpose appropriation funding for recruitment of the disadvantaged and affirmative action endeavors reflects the governor's understanding that the (SSHE) has a vital role in the commonwealth's efforts to provide

equal educational opportunity for all citizens and to enhance equity gains in the recruitment and retention of faculty and staff," Dixon said in a prereleased statement.

SSHE's Board of Governors approved a 1997-98 state appropriation request of \$416.4 million to assist in meeting inflationary increases and unfunded federal mandate requirements. An increase of \$19.5 million, or 4.9 percent, over the 1996-97 fiscal year.

This request includes \$7.5 million for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Clean Air Act. Additionally, SSHE anticipates a \$5.1 million reduction in university expenditures for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

The board also approved a special purpose appropriation request designed to improve technology at the 14 state system universities called "The Prometheus Project."

"The time is right to meet the System's (SSHE) technology needs through a new partnership program involving state government, private investors and public universities," said Kim E. Lytle, chair of the Board's Advancement Committee in a previously released statement. "Through 'The Prometheus Project,' the system (SSHE) proposes to use state funding in stimulating donor acquisitions to obtain and enhance technology for our students."

Campus Voices

by Brent McCallus

"Do you think the university provides adequate parking for students on-campus?"



Theresa Flok, sophomore

"No, parking should be allowed in front of Cedarcrest, because it is the farthest dorm away."



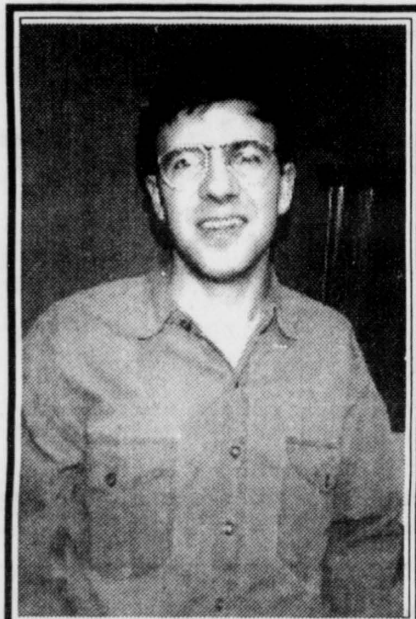
Dana Gallagher, sophomore

"You can't park on the side streets. Why shouldn't we be allowed to at night if we can be in the day."



Rachael Geis, senior

"No. Instead of putting an unnecessary rec center up, we should build something that is really needed like a closer parking lot."



Aaron Sinkovich, junior

"Instead of a super building the university should provide adequate parking which would make all the students happy."

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Black Panther co-founder speaks at Mansfield University last week

by Gene Yager
managing editor

(The following story was partially printed in last week's edition of The Flashlight. However, due to technical difficulties, an incomplete version of the story was run. The following text is the complete, edited story as it was scheduled to be printed.)

On Wednesday, February 12th, Mansfield Activities Council presented "An Evening With Bobby Seale" at Allen lecture hall.

Seale, who co-founded the Black Panther party with Huey P. Newton in 1966, spoke for well over one hour on the party and its influence in the sixties and seventies. His discussion also extended into his describing his new program REACH.

Seale, the self-described last surviving architect of one of the most important social change movements of the sixties and seventies, lists the death of Malcolm X, in 1965, as being the major inspiration for the start of the movement.

"When they killed Malcolm, I just went off," Seale said. "I got ahold of him (Newton) and told him that we could organize a new organization, because they killed Malcolm X."

According to Seale, he had one basic idea in the founding of the Black Panthers.

"Turning this backward racist society around to make some human sense" Seale said.

Seale also listed several other civil rights activists as influencing him.

"I was profoundly inspired by Martin Luther King (Jr.)," Seale said.

Seale also spoke on the true birth of the Black Panther Party, which, according to a press release from Reach Cinema Productions, grew from "student activism, research, and programmatic organizing, not street life hooliganism, as some distort it."

According to Seale, times have changed, and activism has changed with the times.

"Today you don't need guns" Seale said. "If you want to observe police brutality, network with a thousand camcorders." Later, Seale continued his explanation, "I believe in the right to self defense, but not revenge politics."

Seale told the audience that the Black Panthers were not a militant organization.

"We were not about being a black militant hate group ... (We were about) all power to all the people," Seale said "It was knowledge that was our real power. The guns were just a tool."

During Seale's speech, he spoke about Ebonics, which he claims goes back 50 or 60 years.

According to Seale, the reason Ebonics is around is because there are no rolling "r"s in west African dialect. Due to this, a language of "yo," "mo," and "fo" exists to present day, instead of "your," "more" and "for."

Seale also spoke on the ten point program which he and Newton developed when they decided to form the Black Panthers.

The ten point program includes the following demands:

1) "We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our black community."

2) "We want full employment for our people."

3) "We want an end to the robbery by the capitalist of our black community."

4) "We want decent housing, fit for the shelter of human beings."

5) "We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present-day society."

6) "We want all black men to be exempt from military service."

7) "We want an immediate end to police brutality and murder of black people."

8) "We want freedom for all black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails."

"They should be released from jail if they have been tried by an all white jury," Seale added.

9) "We want all black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their black communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States."

10) "We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace."

Currently, Seale is working with his new program, REACH the purpose of which is to renovate old houses and old cars."

Seale concluded his speech by reflecting back on his life as a Black Panther.

"If I had to do it again, I would do it," Seale said.

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own fault because I didn't eat anything. I never really thought about it," she admitted. "I guess you should eat, it makes sense, but I was never told to eat beforehand."

According to figures provided by ARHC after the drive, 146 people registered and yielded 133 productive pints of blood and two deferred pints. First time donors gave 13 pints. These numbers fell short of the 175 pint goal, causing students and faculty to question why more students didn't turn out to give

blood.

Gary Ayers, junior, gave blood painlessly for the second time.

"I'm here for the second time and I'm afraid of needles. It's pathetic," he said. "It's not like getting your teeth pulled. It's easy and it's a good thing to do; I've never had any problems."

Arbogast's complication will not deter her from doing it again, and she doesn't understand why more people don't give blood.

"I'll go again but I'll eat first next time," she said.

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Pictured above are (left to right)- Jennifer Korfmann, as Christine, and Andrew Brown, as Count Phillip. They are involved in a dress rehearsal of the play "Phantom" The production, which is directed by Professor Michael Crum, will be going on at Straughn thursday through saturday, at 8pm, and sunday at 2pm.

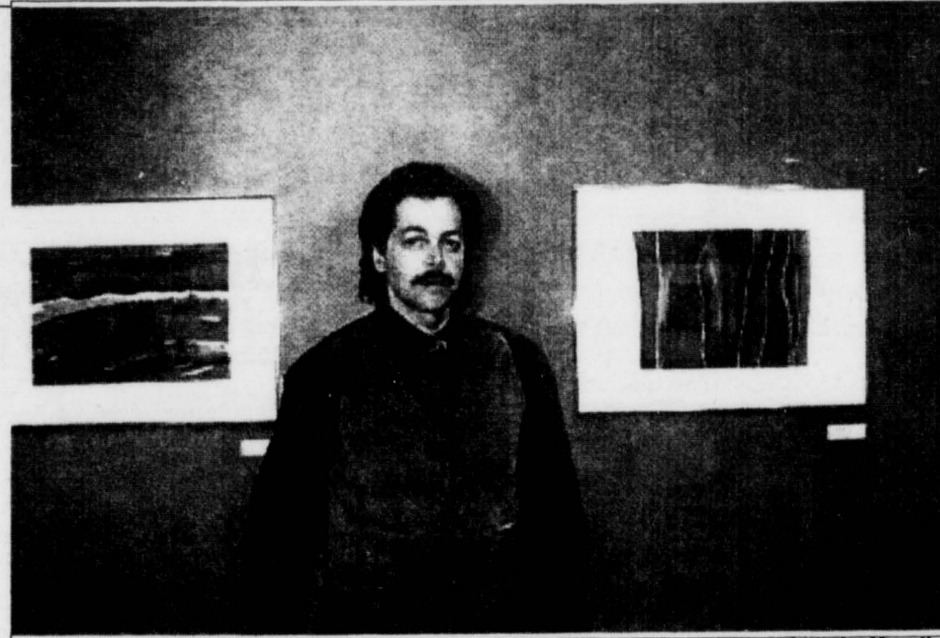


photo by McCallus

Currently being shown in the North Hall gallery is a drawing and watercolor collage exhibit by Mansfield University professor Dr. Richard Hamwi. The show, entitled "Images on Paper" will run through April 4.

On Tuesday Hamwi opened the exhibit with a presentation before faculty

and students about the exhibit's meaning.

In his artists's statement, Hamwi writes, "My approach to drawing and painting explores variations on themes derived from a feeling or a conceived image although a more individual theme unfolds according to the nature."

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Orientation Staff

Applications are available in 120 Pinecrest Hall. If you like hard work, long hours and meeting people, find out more about the position. The "rewards" are great; you get to see MU in the summer and become famous!



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Picture above are Peggy Dettwiler, choir director, and music students Joy Maida, Corey Gochenaur, Jennifer Korfman, and Heather Hartman. Each took part in the recording of the Mansfield University concert choir cd, "I'm gonna sing".

Brent McCallus
staff reporter

[Information obtained from Mansfield University Department of Music press release]

The first Mansfield University Concert Choir compact disk, titled "I'm gonna sing", has arrived! Featured on the recording are highlights from the 1996 European tour plus selections from performances at three previous convention tours; the PMEA State Conference in

1993, the MENC National Convention in 1994, and the MENC Eastern Division Convention in 1995. The music ranges from Renaissance to contemporary styles and from spirituals to drinking song! Familiar titles include Danny Boy, A Stephen Foster Medley, and Mary Had A Baby. Performances are all live-in concert, including the Florilege Vocal de Tours Competition in France. You can purchase a CD from any member of the Concert Choir or by calling Peggy Dettwiler at (717) 662-4721. Checks for \$15 should be made payable to C.C.S.I.

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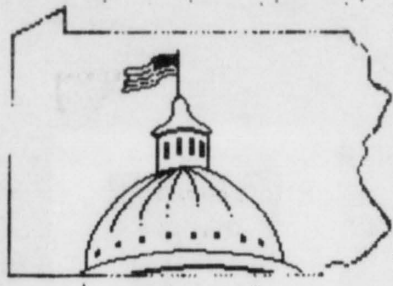
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Pennsylvania in the news

PSU denies anti-homosexual organization recognition

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Pennsylvania State University student Darin Loccarini says he only wanted to create a campus group where students could "come right out and say homosexuality is wrong."

But the Penn State student Supreme Court denied Loccarini's request for official recognition of his anti-gay rights group, STRAIGHT, Students Reinforcing Adherence in General Heterosexual Tradition.

The group sought a charter that would have given it a slice of \$1.1 million divided annually among 400 campus groups. The group also could have used the Penn State name and requested use of campus meeting rooms.

About 75 students attended Sunday night's hearing in which STRAIGHT members outlined the group's mission and plans and student leaders expressed concerns. Two police officers also attended the meeting.

"It was a difficult decision, because either way it sets a precedent not only for our university but for other universities," said Associate Justice Jit Chatterjee, a junior from suburban Philadelphia. "It divides the community either way you look at it."

The court deliberated for one hour before issuing its decision.

Chatterjee will write the majority opinion detailing the reasons for the decision in the next few days, he said.

The student justices asked the group's members how it would better Penn State and the community as a whole, said acting Supreme Court Chief Justice Dawn Brown. She said the majority of the deliberation time was spent on detailing the reasons for its unanimous decision.

Supporters say the group has a First Amendment right to free speech, and should be able to counter the influence of recognized pro-gay and lesbian campus organizations.

"This is America. We don't have to think it's OK," Loccarini, a junior, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "We want to make it so that it's not considered bad to come right out and say homosexuality is wrong."

Loccarini said STRAIGHT is a political organization that wants to prevent gays and lesbians from winning any university-sanctioned privileges.

He is critical of the university's decision to allow same-sex partners of students to buy student-rate tickets to university basketball and football games.

Jury in du Pont trial will begin deliberations

MEDIA, Pa. (AP) — Six men and six women who could spend their lifetimes working and dreaming and still not match bank accounts with John E. du Pont held the multimillionaire's fate in their thoughts and words today.

The dozen jurors in the chemical heir's murder trial were to begin their first full day of deliberations at 9:30 a.m. after considering the case for just under three hours Tuesday.

Following a long and intense day of lawyers' closing arguments and Common Pleas Judge Patricia Jenkins' legal instructions, the panel began deliberating at 3:45 p.m. and broke off talks at 6:30 p.m. The jurors are being sequestered and spent the night in a hotel.

Lead defense lawyer Thomas Bergstrom urged jurors in his closing argument to view the evidence from the three-week-long trial through a "prism of psychosis."

In a 75-minute statement, Bergstrom told the jurors they should find du Pont innocent by reason of insanity in the shooting.

First Assistant District Attorney Joseph McGettigan countered in a 90-minute summation that du Pont killed out of arrogance and anger, all stemming from a growing animosity toward Schultz.

"You have been an eyewitness to insanity," Bergstrom said. "You have been a spectator to a kaleidoscope of madness."

Bergstrom told jurors they have the power and duty "to deliver John du Pont to the people who can finally help him — even if it should take a lifetime."

Du Pont sat expressionless through the

closing arguments, his long hair matted and greasy, and wearing the same type of blue Foxcatcher sweatshirt he wore the day of his arrest on Jan. 28, 1996.

McGettigan said the fury and pomposity of a multimillionaire who feared a loss of respect and authority drove du Pont to do something that no human should ever do: separate the soul from the body.

"He (Schultz) is where he is today not because a person was afraid of death by an international conspiracy," McGettigan said, but because du Pont took on "what only God should do."

McGettigan said du Pont believed Schultz was conspiring to discredit him in the international wrestling community, and "saw his narcissistic life dissolving."

If convicted of murder, du Pont could face life in prison. Under a verdict of innocent by reason of insanity, he would be sent to a mental hospital and could be freed if he were ever deemed cured. If found guilty but mentally ill, he would undergo mental treatment and, if ever considered cured, serve a prison sentence.

Alternate juror Bert Allen, 45, said he went home with the firm belief that du Pont was guilty of first-degree murder but mentally ill.

Allen said he changed his mind several times during the trial but was convinced because du Pont used such a powerful handgun — a .44-caliber Magnum — and fired a third shot into Schultz's back on Jan. 26, 1996.

He predicted the jury would "do the right thing."

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Due to the lack of space, there will be no graphics or anything interesting to look at on this page. I'm sorry the B.B. looks like crap this week. Maybe next week I'll have a full page again.

Cindy

Upcoming Forums and Lectures

Multiculturalism
What everyone needs to know!
By: Stacy Haugh,
February 25th at 6pm
in North Dining Room
(Sponsored by CEC)

Sex, Laws & Cyberspace
Lecturer:
Mr. Mark Mangan,
Corporate Writer and
Internet Specialist
Tuesday, March 4th @ 3:30pm
in North Dining Room

**Russian/American Relations
in the 21st Century**
Moderator: Richard Walker
Discussant:
Alexander "Sasha" Kubyskhin
Wed. 2/26 @ 7:30pm
in North Dining Room

On March 1st, the **Physics & Chemistry clubs** will be at the Arnot Mall, displaying basic principles of science. We need volunteers to help set up & help with the displays anytime between 9am & 9pm. Transportation is available. For Info, call Collin x5392, or leave a message with Dr. Chester in Grant Science.

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Blue & White Family.
2/24 from 7-8pm
Zeta Tea, 204 Memorial
2/25 Food-Clothing Drive
2/26 from 7-9pm
Forum - 204 Memorial
2/27 Movie in Allen Hall
2/28 from 8-10pm
Party in the Cabaret Room,
Memorial Hall
3/1 from 11am-1pm
Luncheon for all
interested ladies.

PRSSA Meeting:

Every Tuesday at
3:30pm in 204 Memorial

MAC Meeting:

Every Tuesday at 7pm
in 204 Memorial Hall

Attention Seniors!!!

*The 1997 Spring Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 10th at 11am on Karl Van Norman field. Faculty/Staff who have a Son/Daughter or Spouse graduating & would like to present their diploma case to them should contact Marlene Herbst (x4046) room 501 North Hall

*Potential graduates should verify their graduation eligibility & honors status, if appropriate, with the student records office (112 South Hall) ASAP

*The following policy is in effect regarding Honors recognition:

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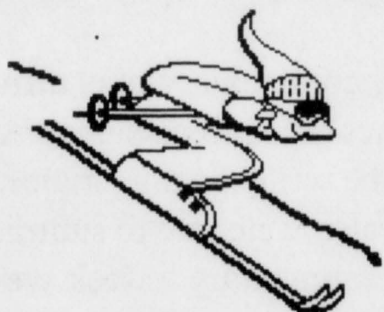
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Summa Cum Laude: 3.95-4.0

(2) To receive Graduation Honors & to have them recorded on the Student's permanent record a Bachelor's degree student must have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours at Mansfield University & earned the necessary QPA for all credits earned at Mansfield University, as noted above.

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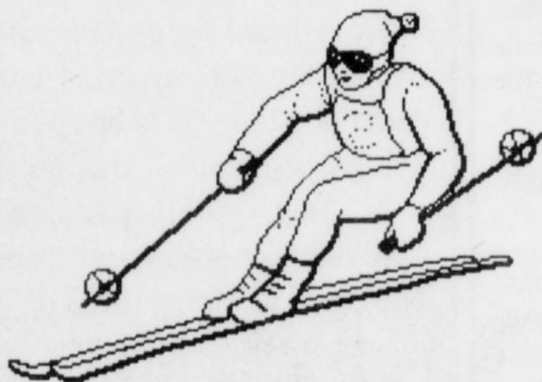
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On-campus parking has raised a heated debate

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary to find parking at Mansfield University, you had better hope that the police are on vacation. With the exception of the parking lots atop Mt. Everest (i.e. Cardiac Hill), parking for Mansfield University students is virtually non-existent.

It is our opinion that something needs to be done about on-campus parking, as well as off-campus parking. If you have ever walked by the dormitories at around seven o'clock, you were sure to notice that most of the parking spots reserved for professors are vacant. There is a good reason that most of these spots are vacant - most of the professors have gone home! They don't live here, and consequently they do something at the end of the day - they leave. We would very much like to know why it is that these spots, after a time when most professors have gone, can't be occupied by student vehicles. Of course, the students would need to remove their cars by the time professors arrived at campus. Now the argument that goes something like "students are lazy, they will never move their cars by the time professors come" does not hold any water. In some towns, parking on certain streets is allowed between 3 and 6 am. If cars are still parked on those streets, they are heavily fined. This would be a perfectly logical course of events for MU to follow. A few \$25 tickets and we are sure that that laziness would be remedied rather quickly.

Once the sun sets and the realization that there is nowhere to park sets in, many students turn to parking in town. However, one quickly realizes that they are caught between a rock and a hard place. Once again, parking downtown is non-existent. It seems to us that a parking lot which would charge by the hour for parking would be a fine addition to a town that seems to have some monetary problems.

Call me Ishmael.

In the beginning, the state created Mansfield University. It saw that Mansfield was good. It separated the student parking from the faculty parking. The faculty parking, however, soon began to take over the campus completely, forever banishing students to the confines of D-Lot.

The time has come for us, the students of Mansfield University, to reclaim what is rightfully ours. We live here. This is our home, OUR home! The professors have their own driveways miles away to park their cars in. Why are we being relegated to the status of 2nd class citizens? Are we not human? If you prick us, do we not bleed?

To begin the proposal: 1. The faculty parking should be moved to some as-of-yet-unnamed facility behind the Mansfield Bi-Lo. A campus shuttle will be available to ferry the faculty to and from campus. 2. All faculty parking on campus is to be re-designated as Student-Only parking. This means that students, not faculty or foreign dignitaries will be allowed to park outside of the dorm buildings nor park in front of class buildings. 3. The parking "on the other side of the rainbow," designated now as A, B, C and D lots, will be labeled as student only. 4. Only the parking spaces by Memorial Hall facing the street will be available for V.I.P.'s.

The idea that students have a right to park in spaces part of the time, from dusk to dawn, is nice and sounds very stylish. However, the fact remains that those are our parking spaces! We own them! We pay for them!!! It is the best of times, it is the worst of times. It is time to take back what is rightfully ours from the oppressive authoritarian rule of the parking administrators. We pay their salaries!!! Yet they ticket us for parking in our own parking spaces. Is that justice?

Our basic freedoms are being ignored. We must strike deep into the heart of the beast. And that's that.

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Response to letter about library policy

I am writing in response to Dr. Wydra's February 14th letter in which he quotes MU librarian Monty McAdoo as saying, "if you've academic work to do and you see someone using a computer for non-academic purposes (e.g. chats, personal e-mail), you can ask them to vacate the work station or report the problem to the InformationDesk."

In response, Dr. Wydra states that "No MU staff member has the right to ask anyone doing any required academic work on a North Hall PC, including e-mail, to vacate that instructional workstation." (I

would think that the campus police or computer repair staff clearly have such authority.)

In addition, Mr. McAdoo's letter clearly states "non-academic purposes." He does not say that there are no academic uses of chats and e-mail. I am curious how someone gets the impression from Mr. McAdoo's letter that the library needs to or is already evicting people who are doing academic work.

I am deeply saddened that anyone would misinterpret Mr. McAdoo's attempt to address the issues of computer availability. Having personally

spoken with Mr. McAdoo, I know what he intended in his letter and that he and that other librarians are well aware that chats and e-mail can sometimes be used for academic purposes.

The main intent of the library policy is to remove people who are obviously not doing academic work when someone else requires the machine. If a "student on report" were to show the slightest evidence of doing anything class related, I doubt any librarian would evict that student from the North hall computers.

Rustin Kreider

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind. We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Risking your life on the slopes? A guide for skiers



Dave Barry

Here's a fun winter vacation idea: Why not go skiing?

If you answered: "Because I don't want to spend the next two years in a full-body cast," then I have good news: Thanks to modern, high-tech ski equipment originally developed for use by U.S. astronauts, 72 percent of all skiers are able to walk with assistance in less than 10 months!

Yes, things have really changed since the early days of skiing, a sport that traces its origins back to 16th-century Switzerland.

Today there are thousands of ski areas, and as of 8 a.m. this morning every single one of them had excellent skiing conditions, as measured by the Official Ski Area Rating System, in which each area objectively rates its own conditions on a standardized scale that ranges from the highest possible ranking, Extremely Superb (defined as "snow or at least cold mud clearly visible in places") all the way down to the lowest ranking, Very Good (defined as "this ski resort is located in Puerto Rico").

Because different skiers have different abilities, ski resorts offer a variety of slopes, which are color-coded according to degree of difficulty, as follows:

GREEN - Steep

BLUE - Steep

BLACK - Steep

If you're a beginner, you want to avoid the steeper slopes. I would rule out Colorado altogether. One time I went skiing at the swank Colorado resort of

Aspen, and the ski slope there turned out to be basically a cliff. Not coincidentally, Aspen is the home of a world-class knee-injury clinic. It's located right at the base of the mountain; the surgeons just stand around the operating room, scalpels in hand, chatting about golf, and every few minutes there's a scream, and a new patient comes crashing through the roof.

Of course, to reach that level of expertise, you'll need to take lessons. Most ski areas have ski schools, where an instructor will assign you to a class of students who are of approximately the same age, skill level and athletic ability as you, except that they are all secretly members of the Olympic slalom team. You'll see what I mean: The instructor will get you all up on top of the mountain, then say, "Follow me!" and start skiing sedately down, making graceful turns, totally under control. Your class mates, after exchanging the secret Olympic wink, will follow the instructor, making it appear as though they have never done anything like this before. Some will even fall down, but they'll get right up again as though it's no big deal.

You'll think, "How hard can this be?" So you'll push off, and within seconds you'll be going so fast that your ski outfit will burst into flames from friction with the atmosphere. You'll hurtle straight down the hill, a human comet, penetrating the ski lodge directly through the wall, rocketing past the wise veterans who have elected to spend their ski vacations indoors, and coming to a violent halt in the cafeteria when you slam into the salad bar with such force that surgeons will later find individual chickpeas embedded two inches into your forehead. As you're lying there, face-down in the vinaigrette, you'll hear, from way up on the mountain, hearty Olympic laughter, plus your instructor's voice advising you: "NEXT TIME, KEEP YOUR KNEES BENT!" They encourage this because it makes you go faster.

The important thing is not to be discouraged. Remember: Everybody falls at first. The real winners pick themselves up, dust themselves off, and signal for the cocktail waitperson. Remember to keep your elbow bent.

Politicians stayin' alive with 'Amendment Fever' in D.C.

Laurie Asseo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Constitution was written "to endure for ages to come," Chief Justice John Marshall wrote in the early 1800s.

To ensure it would last, the framers made amending the document a difficult task. That difficulty was underscored this week when supporters of congressional term limits and a balanced budget amendment fell short in their bids to change it.

"The Constitution is the basic framework for who we are politically," said Northwestern University law professor Daniel Polsby.

Even when there are real problems to be resolved, "To win the argument that they have to be addressed as constitutional amendments takes something a little bit special," he said in an interview.

Stanford University law professor Kathleen Sullivan says Congress lately

is suffering from "constitutional amendment fever."

In an essay to be published as part of "The New Federalist Papers," she argues that some recent proposed amendments pursue short-term policy aims that do not belong in the Constitution.

But an amendment to outlaw flag-burning may be gathering steam, and President Clinton has endorsed the idea of a crime victims' rights amendment. Other amendment proposals in the congressional hopper would allow voluntary school prayer, make English the country's official language and abolish the Electoral College.

The Constitution has been amended only 27 times since it was drafted in 1787, including the first 10 amendments adopted four years later as the Bill of Rights.

The amendment process is cumbersome: A proposed amendment must be passed by two-thirds of both houses of Congress, then ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states. Or two-

thirds of the state legislatures could ask Congress to call a constitutional convention.

That has never happened, but the idea has its backers. Retired federal judge Malcolm R. Wilkey called for a new convention a few years ago.

The Constitution "has been corrupted by the system," which has led to gridlock, too much influence by interest groups, and members of Congress who focus excessively on getting re-elected, Wilkey said in a published series of lectures.

But Richard C. Leone, president of the New York-based Twentieth Century Fund, a nonpartisan research group, says recent efforts to amend the Constitution go too far.

"I think we're overreacting" to some people's dissatisfaction with the government, Leone said. His organization hopes to balance the argument by publishing "The New Federalist Papers," taking the name from the original Federalist Papers, which were written to pro-

mote ratification of the Constitution.

Polsby, the Northwestern law professor, said the number of proposed amendments is not uncommon. But he agreed that political fixes do not necessarily belong in the Constitution — with Prohibition being the prime example.

The proposed crime victims' rights amendment falls in the same category, he contended. Giving crime victims a right to be notified of judicial proceedings and to be heard at such proceedings should be decided on the local level, Polsby said.

"It makes no sense at all to put into the Constitution transient particularities of current public policy," he said.

Wilkey, in arguing for a new constitutional convention, noted that the founding fathers realized future generations might want to try writing a new document.

"They did not view their work as perfect and would be astounded to see how well it has borne the test of time and the few changes which have been made in it," he said.

Why do newspapers print news that's painful to their readers?

Denny Bonavita
Associated Press

DuBOIS, Pa. — Some of the news is unpleasant, even painful, to some of the people who read our newspaper.

Why, then, print it?

Perhaps a story will synopsise my answer.

A long time ago, 30 years or more, a friend died.

He was tall, athletic, in his mid-20s, a year ahead of me during college. We saw each other in classes, on sports teams and at parties, dances and social events. We grew, not exceptionally close, but to become good friends.

All I heard was that he had died in a small town south of Erie where he lived with his wife and two young children. Another friend called to get information about the funeral. We two headed south through a rainy evening, to pay our respects.

Along the way, we reminisced, as

friends will do. And we expressed shock at his death. Joe was in superb health, as far as we knew.

What had happened?

We found the town, then the funeral home. We joined the line of callers. Today, in my 50s, I know that chit-chat and subdued banter, can be OK when friends gather as much to commemorate a life as to mourn a death. Back then, though, my friend and I were silent, not seeing anyone we knew except Joe's wife.

Through the shifting heads of those in front of us, we could see the casket, too. As we drew closer, Joe looked like — Joe. The only striking thing was his mouth, lips tightly closed. With Joe, conversation was the rule, not the exception. In life, his mouth usually had been open, often laughing.

What had happened?

I wasn't excruciatingly uncomfortable. The deaths that come with being part of a large extended family had brought me to funeral homes often in my childhood, so the ritual was familiar.

It wasn't pretty.

Joe had a lot of bills past due, bills brought on in part by his wish to give his wife and youngsters all the good things he thought they deserved, regardless of the reality that, just starting out, some would be unaffordable. As it often does, money worry had led to frustration, anger, and harsh words between husband and wife.

So he had gone out and gotten drunk.

Then he had come back home and, in front of his wife, he had put a pistol to his head and shot himself dead in their kitchen.

I silently thanked God I hadn't asked what happened while I was talking to the family.

But others did.

Well-meaning friends. Acquaintances of the families. Some who remembered Joe as a kid. Those who had seen him a day or two previously, obviously healthy.

They asked. Over and over. Meaning no harm, wanting to know how to frame their condolences. "What happened?"

What happened?"

It can be hard to tell people about violent or unexpected deaths, moreso when the telling is in stark, black headline letters on a page of newsprint. I know the retelling in the newspaper can hit way down in the gut for some family members and friends of whoever has died. It can be punishing to see the newspaper story sit there, on a table or a couch.

But if the death was of a public nature, accidental, homicide or suicide, and if I do my job, and the rest of us do our jobs, some among us might get to know what did happen before coming face-to-face with those who endured it.

A newspaper can be put away, or thrown away, or even angrily ripped up and shredded. Its printed version of the news can be put, or kept, out of sight.

The voices, though ... those can go on, and on, and on.

I do know that if we tell the stories of what affects our communities, and do it properly, people won't have to ask, over and over, "What happened?"

Kranky Komments

Summer jobs and tons of fun!!

by **Krissy Dennis**
features editor

It seems to be that time of the year again. Since our favorite, psychic groundhog couldn't turn his fat self around to see his shadow, the rest of America patiently awaits spring. Soon after spring comes summer and the rush to find a job so you can pay for that mid-night Dunkin' Donuts sandwich come November.

This summer I know what I will be doing - an internship. However, this past summer I had no plans lined up. I figured I would lounge around and casually find employment somewhere. In other words, I would procrastinate. In no hurry to get home, I stayed for graduation.

I planned on making my way home at my own pace until my sister called and told me the great news - we had a job. Looking back, I should have just declined and settled for scooping up cow dung and listening to my mom complain about me asking for money. But how do you say no to a desperate sister?

You'll probably think that I'm some spoiled brat who can't hack the heat of a real job. Well, I'm big enough to admit that I didn't stand up to this challenge very well. There is a VERY good reason for this. I must ask you to please bear with me. I have already blocked out a good deal of this portion

of my life already.

First of all, you have to understand that I was hired as a temporary worker. The job was only supposed to last for three weeks. I was herded in at six AM with the rest of the clueless people for twelve endless hours of assembly line work. Oh yes, children, buckle up, its time to venture into the hidden realm of envelope stuffing.

Obviously, the building had industrial written all over it. By industrial, I don't just mean big, but stark and echoing. As we made our way to the work stations, I noticed the stacks of CD's that the company manufactures. Being the silly girl that I am, I thought that we would all sit around and listen to our favorite artists, in person of course, and shoot the breeze. Oh, naive.

As it turns out, I didn't get anywhere near the cool stuff. Instead, I spent my evening mesmerized by the conveyor belt and stuffing inserts into an envelope-type thing. Actually, it was more of a miniature pamphlet-type paper, but who really differentiates?

My sister was at the other end of the belt eyeballing the products to make sure I and my co-workers did our job right. What you have to realize is that it was virtually impossible to screw up, unless you just plain refused to participate.

Imagine sitting for hours on end and repeating the same motion over and over again. No wait, first you may want

to get a lobotomy to ease the pain of having intelligent thoughts while stuffing the little envelopes. Trust me, it would have helped tremendously.

I can say this without insulting the full time workers of the plant because I saw what they did all night. One woman in charge at our table was able to move about and enjoy having use of her joints. She even got to use some brain work to try to fix a machine. Oh, the envy that surfaced.

I think the one reason that I felt so completely drained by this job was that I had just completed a pretty tough semester full of brain work and thought. I swear, I could almost feel the giant funnel above my work station sucking everything I ever learned right from my head.

At last our first break arrived. Once I realized what was going on, I slid off my chair and wandered around looking for the elusive break room. I must give them credit. The eating area was pretty nice. I didn't feel too trapped yet, probably because it was only my first break.

After the third break, I was bordering on insanity. My sister watched as I laughed without purpose gnawing on a banana. My only way out was to plead with her to escape. Of course, she reminded me of the seventy-five dollars that would soon be mine. Oh, joy.

With only four hours left, I was ready for the straight jacket and the nice,

strong men to take me away. However, my sister would have nothing to do with it. However, I do recall her being just as loopy as I was.

As I sat staring blankly at the endless strip of belt passing by me, I began to reflect on how beautiful color and natural light would be. I was at the point where my fingers were numb and I felt in dire need of a shower.

The people around me didn't seem as wounded as I was. In fact, it was kind of annoying. They were actually going to come back to the job the next night. The thought of returning to the same place for the next three weeks, night after night, made me feel ill. I actually found myself getting mad at these poor people.

Looking back I can actually say that I would never do it again. There is no shame in admitting that. In fact, I admire the people who were able to stick it out and return night after night.

Except for my dad telling me about how he sucked it up when he was my age and stayed with the hard jobs, I am pretty much recovered. I have to say that I am glad I never have to set foot back in there.

You'll never know how happy I was when I left that building to go home to my nice comfy bed. The sun was shining so bright on my face. I was back among the living. Never again, I swore. Never again, unless those wild horses come to drag me away.

Don't settle for the movie; read the book

by **Krissy Dennis**
features editor

Once again I have various complaints that I would like to share with you, my fellow humans and students. Lately, there have been a few disappointments that have come along my way. Many of you can relate to these gripes.

First of all, who ever thought that novels should be made into films? Aren't there enough ideas floating around out there just waiting to be developed into screen plays? It is my experience that many of the best books are spoiled by being converted into films.

Recently, I went to see "The Relic." Keep in mind, this is not your average movie review. I don't know any of the names of the actors or the director. The only thing I am sure of is the name of the men who wrote the book, Douglas Preston and Lincoln Childs. All I can offer you is my own personal opinion.

I read the book over Christmas break and was really impressed. However, when I went to see the movie, which was a bad idea in the first place, I was really disgruntled.

The story is about a creature that has been loose and killing people in the Museum of Natural History. The plot is based on a young biologist who discovers what the creature is, and where it came from. On the opening night of an

important exhibition, the creature wreaks havoc on the attending guests.

When I read the book, I felt like a very intelligent person. It kept my attention and it was hard to put down. When I saw it in the movie theater, I felt like someone was sitting there holding my hand and simplifying everything that was in the movie because I wasn't smart enough to get it on my own.

I found this to be true with many books that Hollywood makes into major motion pictures. Usually if it is a thriller, or an action movie, they make it as simple as possible. To me this is not exciting at all. I would like to think that I am capable of watching a movie without having a tour guide point out the obvious.

The first thing that I noticed about the movie was the change of location for the movie. In the book, the story took place in the New York Museum of Natural History. However, in the movie, they were in Chicago. There may be certain reasons for this change, but it really threw me off.

I should warn you that I may be harsh on this movie because I don't like change. Any type of change really disrupts my atmosphere. For example, when my family and I moved into our new house when I was seven I cried for weeks. The point is, I hate disruptions.

The next sin the filmmakers committed was changing character names and cutting out characters. They changed a man's name into a woman's

name and cut out the male character. They also changed a few letters of the last name of one character. Why would they possibly do this?

My major problem with the movie was the monster effects. While reading the book, I could really imagine the way the monster looked, but not enough to ruin the mystery. However, the movie creature was overdone. They also overkilled the amount of times they showed a close-up kill. This was fine for all the people who hadn't read the book and just wanted blood.

Overall, the plot of the movie was simplified so much that it made it almost unbearable to watch. Luckily, I had Junior Mints to keep me happy. Unfortunately, my boyfriend had to put up with my comments and moans and groans.

Another movie that was tarnished by Hollywood was Pet Semetary

by Stephen King. I also read this book and was very scared for quite a while. This changed when I saw the movie.

If you have ever read any books by King, you're familiar with his twisted plots and brilliant story lines. For the most part, any movies made from his books can not be made into films all that well. They are better off staying literary works.

Like "The Relic," "Pet Semetary" lost mystery and imagery when it was converted to film. You just can't read a Stephen King novel with all its psychologically thrilling aspects and then try to see all the things you imagined on the screen. Most of the time it is a real disappointment.

My advice is to either read the book or see the movie. Usually when you do both, you are setting yourself up for a real letdown. The best choice is to read the book.

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Mountaineer Men clinch PSAC title with win over Stroud

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

"We accomplished our first goal," senior co-captain Lawrence Culver said, after cutting down the nets Wednesday night.

The Mounties 89-50 victory over East Stroudsburg University gave them sole possession of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Championship.

"We have it all to ourselves. There's not gonna be any 'co-' by our names," Culver went on. "We have to keep playing though because we aren't done yet."

In front of a packed house, the Mounties (22-3 overall, 10-1 PSAC), who are ranked 13th nationally this week, kept the Warriors Trevin Panaia and Chris Bennett at bay, limiting the

two to four and one points, respectively.

"We played a good game," said freshman Tommy Harvey. "We've consistently played good defense all year."

This victory was sweet for one Mountie in particular, Louis Judson.

"It's icing on the cake," Judson said. "My first three seasons, we could never imagine winning the PSAC's. This is great!"

Ackerman could not agree more with the player that has had the longest tenure on the team.

"This is really special for Juddy because of what he's meant to this program," Ackerman said. "He's been here four years. I just feel bad because he was ill, and I don't think he felt as much a part of this as he should."

Mansfield started out slow, going 2:55 before scoring their first points on a free throw by Culver.



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Kenny Woseley hits a jumper against the Warriors as Mansfield clinches.

The Mounties took their first lead at the 13:46 mark, lost it once more

on a lay-up by ESU's Al Munford (23 points, 5 rebounds), then regained the lead for good on a Culver lay-up.

Culver, who had 21 points and 14 rebounds, is just nine boards shy of becoming Mansfield's single-season rebounding record holder.

"Personally, my next goal is to get the rebound record for a season," "Mr. Windex" said.

Mansfield continued to pour on the offense and smother the Warriors (7-18 overall, 2-9 PSAC) with their press and man defenses.

The defensive stranglehold was evident when the Mounties were ahead by more than ESU's scoring output at the 8:42 mark of the second half. The biggest lead for the Mounties was 47 on a lay-up by Kevin Perluk (5 points, 2 assists).

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Mountaineers maul Pitt-Bradford

by Beth Hoobler
sports reporter

The Lady Mountaineers put a positive spin on their season Saturday night in a decisive win over the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford Lady Panthers, 72-43.

The Mounties improved their overall record to 6-17.

The Mountaineers accomplished their sixth win without two of their leading scorers, Becky Dutko and Jill Masker.

Dutko was out with an injured ankle, and Masker was ill. Still, the Lady Mounties managed to pound Pitt-Bradford, largely led by senior Elizabeth Bricker, who led the scoring with 15 points.

Also scoring in double figures were junior Cheryl Farabaugh and freshman Deanna Brewster, each tallying 12 points.

Michelle Jeffery scored 10 points, and sophomore Tracy Moser tossed in 10 points and led all rebounding with 12.

The Mounties led the entire game and never looked back, as they rolled over outmanned Pitt-Bradford.

The Mountaineers shot 43.5% from the field for the game, outshooting

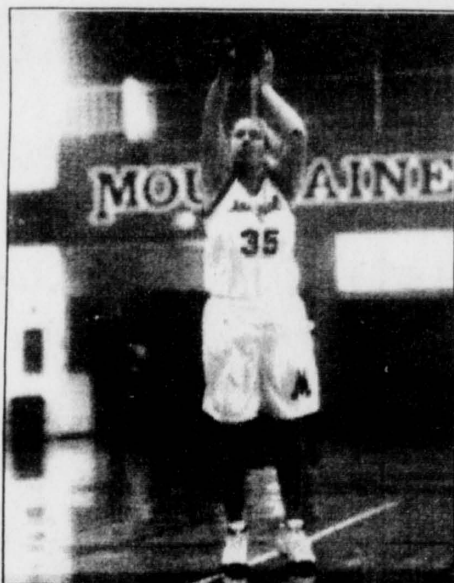


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Senior co-captain, Michele Jeffery, scored 10 points and had four rebounds against the Panthers.

Pitt-Bradford by far. The Panthers only rang in a meager 20.3% for the entire game.

Mansfield outrebounded the Lady Panthers along the boards, 56-41.

The Lady Panthers just edged the Lady Mounties in free-throw percentage, with Pitt-Bradford tallying 77.8% for the game, and the Mountaineers making 66.7% on the night.

The Mounties hope to continue their win streak in their next game at home against East Stroudsburg on Wednesday, February 19th.

Warriors defeat Mountie Women

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineer women's basketball team put up good first half numbers last Wednesday but lost their edge over East Stroudsburg in the second half as the visiting Warriors captured the victory.

With seven minutes left in the first half, the Mounties had put twice as many points on the board as East Stroudsburg. Elizabeth Bricker led the Mountaineers to a 22-11 lead with three buckets. She led the Mounties first half scorers with 11 points.

In the last seven minutes of the half, however, East Stroudsburg outscored the Mountaineers 20-8. Michele Geiger paced the Warriors in the last part of the half, leading the charge to tie the score at 33-33 before intermission.

Geiger was the dominating force for East Stroudsburg in the second half as well.

The Mounties kept pace with the visitors for five minutes until Geiger connected on a jumper to put the Warriors up 40-39. The Mountaineers never regained the lead.

East Stroudsburg then went on a 16-7 point run for the next five

minutes.

The Mountaineers put on a run in the next seven minutes to put pressure on the Warriors.

The Mounties pulled within five points on a Jill Masker bucket and foul shots. The Mountaineers lost their momentum and were unable to keep the push alive.

The score rested at 80-72 when the final buzzer rang.

The bright spot for the women was Jeffery. In the game, she compiled her 900th career point. Jeffery is the only Mansfield woman basketball player to compile 900 points and 900 rebounds in her collegiate career.

The Mounties next game is at home against West Chester next Saturday.



Record: 6-19 (2-9 PSAC)

Next Home Game: 2/22,
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PSAC Ranking: 6th

Brinker gets 30th win despite Mountaineer loss at dual meet

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

Joel Brinker has achieved something that no other Mansfield wrestler ever has. Brinker, a 150 pound junior, has compiled 31 wins this season, one more than the Mansfield record.

Brinker, of Mill Hall, broke the Mansfield record last Saturday in a tri-meet against Gannon and Shippensburg Universities.

Brinker posted a major decision against Chris Stetter of Shippensburg and a 2-1 win against Tim

Ault of Gannon. The junior's record is now 31-6.

Tim Tuttle, of Towanda, also had two wins in the tourney. Tuttle, a sophomore heavyweight, pinned Jason Fowler of Gannon and Keith Hoffman of Shippensburg.

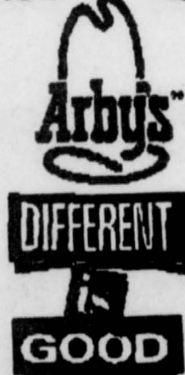
Todd Wonderling also had a win in the tournament. The 126 pounder defeated Josh Hunsey of Gannon in a 10-0 major decision.

The Mounties finished third in the tournament, losing 34-10 to Shippensburg and 24-23 to Gannon.

With the losses, the Mountie wrestler's record dropped to 4-11 overall.

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Spring Traing: Canseco will be late as usual

PHOENIX (AP) In keeping with his tradition, Jose Canseco will report to spring training after the rest of his Athletics teammates.

Canseco, traded back to Oakland this winter after four seasons with Texas and Boston, has told the A's he'll report to spring training on Friday and participate in his first workout on Saturday.

The full squad will have its first workout Thursday, though the mandatory reporting date for players is not until the end of this month.

"He said that he may have some sort of charity golf tournament," general manager Sandy Alderson said Monday. "I would have been surprised if he had been here on the 20th. That's just not his style."

Canseco reported with the rest of the squad during his rookie season in 1985, but has made a habit of showing up late in subsequent seasons.

Manager Art Howe said he is not at all concerned that Canseco, who he hopes

will be a team leader, won't join the rest of the squad on Thursday.

"No problem, as long as he's ready to play," Howe said. After all the trades and free agent signings the Giants made this winter, starters have been clearly established at most of the non-pitching positions.

But third base remains open, with Bill Mueller and Mark Lewis battling for the spot vacated by the trade of Matt Williams to Cleveland.

Mueller finished last season at third after Williams underwent shoulder surgery, batting .330 in 55 games. The Giants obtained Lewis, who has a .271 career average in six seasons with Cleveland, Cincinnati and Detroit, in a December trade with the Tigers.

Manager Dusty Baker said he may not necessarily pick a starter at third before the season begins.

"I think it's going to be a combination thing," Baker said Monday.

Art Howe is beginning his second spring training as manager of the Athletics, and he says the difference from last year is extraordinary.

A's pitchers and catchers had their first workout Monday, and Howe saw a more settled staff than he inherited last spring.

Last year, there was no heir apparent to the departed Dennis Eckersley as the team's closer. This year, Howe has anointed Billy Taylor the closer.

"Just looking back a year ago at this time, we had to start from scratch and put together a whole pitching staff," Howe said. "Now we have five or six guys and we have to fill in the gaps."

"The experience factor that most of the guys in our organization got last year should make them better pitchers."

Spots in the starting rotation remain up for grabs this spring. Howe said he'd like to have lefty Mike Mohler as a starter, but may be forced to move him back to the bullpen if there are not enough left-handed relievers.

The Giants will have an intrasquad game on Feb. 27, the day before they open their Cactus League schedule against San Diego. ... The A's had a few injuries to deal with on their first day of workouts for pitchers and catchers. Left-hander Matt Dunbar had a tender elbow, right-hander Richie Lewis had a groin pull and righty Wilmer Montoya was slowed by a cut that required six stitches in the back of his hand.

Vermeil remains in Phillip's corner

ST. LOUIS (AP) The St. Louis Rams haven't given up on troubled running back Lawrence Phillips yet.

A day after Phillips' latest brush with the law, new general manager and coach Dick Vermeil said Monday he doesn't believe he can count on last year's first-round draft pick. He said the organization is intent on helping Phillips, but the Rams are prepared to move on without him.

"The Rams are going to line up and play with or without Lawrence Phillips, OK," Vermeil said. "I'd just like him to be part of it so we can help him and he can help us."

The Rams haven't been able to help Phillips because they can't find him, and Vermeil wonders why a player would not contact his employer under such circumstances.

"Well, it sure would have been nice," Vermeil said. "But I don't think that's part of his background, I don't think that's part of his thinking."

Vermeil thought he had an understanding with Phillips two weeks ago after meeting with him for an hour. However, the latest arrest changed that.

Phillips, 21, was arrested early Sunday in Omaha, Neb., after cursing and threat-

ening police officers who came to his hotel room. As police escorted him from the hotel, he threatened to beat up another person he fought with earlier in the evening, officers said.

Also, two women who attended the party accused Phillips and other partygoers of touching them inappropriately. One woman told police Phillips poked her in the buttocks with a champagne bottle.

A man was cited for disorderly conduct and released, but none of the other party-goers was ticketed. Phillips was released on \$50 bond and a hearing was scheduled for March 10 in Douglas County Court.

"Everyone else remained calm," officer Jim Murray said. "Phillips could have walked away from this, too."

He already is serving three years' probation after pleading no contest in December to a drunken-driving arrest in California. That came while he was serving a one-year probation following an assault of a former girlfriend at Nebraska, which could lead to jail time.

The latest arrest stemmed from a party following a wedding reception. Vermeil said he was somewhat encour-

aged after speaking with someone at the scene.

"He told me it was blown totally out of proportion, that if it hadn't been Lawrence Phillips there may not even have been an incident in regard to an arrest," Vermeil said.

However, the arrest has changed Vermeil's thinking about the free-agent market and the draft. He said the Rams might be more active pursuing free agents, and running backs will be a higher priority in the draft.

Then again, Vermeil said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne and several Rams players have told him Phillips is basically a good person.

"You know something, the guys have some real good things to say about him," Vermeil said. "I've gotten good feedback."

The previous regime tried to keep Phillips out of trouble by surrounding him with more stable types like fellow Nebraska product Toby Wright. Even so, last year he was fined for missing more than 30 team meetings.

Under terms of his probation, Phillips must receive counseling to control his anger. But Vermeil said he's skipped several sessions.

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"We played a good game," said freshman Tommy Harvey. "We've consistently played good defense all year."

Steve Shannon had a huge night for the Mounties, as well.

Shannon scored 20 points and grabbed four boards, while Kenny Woseley scored 12 points and dished out four assists.

"Back at the Millersville game," Ackerman said, "Kenny sprained a tendon in his ankle and he's been playing with it ever since."

Fans of all kinds enjoyed seeing the Mounties clinch the title at home, even avid Mountie fan President Rod Kelchner.

"It's a different kind of basketball, a more exciting brand of basketball," President Kelchner said. "I'm very proud of them."

With the win Wednesday night, the Mounties were able to break the record for most wins in the regular season, and has given this year's team the best start in Mansfield basketball history.

The Mountaineers will now host West Chester this Saturday in the regular season finale. They will then host the opening round of the PSAC Championship Tournament against the fourth team in the PSAC West on Tuesday evening at 7:30 pm.

"We have to keep winning right now," Ackerman said. "We are still second in the region, so we still have the opportunity to host the regionals."

There are ticket prices for Tuesday's first-round PSAC playoff game. For information, contact the Athletic Director, Roger Maisner, at x4636.

Vermeil said he has some plans on how he now intends to handle Phillips.

"But I don't want to share them publicly because I want to share them with him first," he said.

One thing there won't be is a fine or other disciplinary measure from the Rams.

"He's going to know how I feel about it," Vermeil said. "But at this time of year, there's not a lot I can do about it."

The team does have the option of cutting Phillips. Because he didn't receive a signing bonus, Phillips could be released without salary cap ramifications.

But Vermeil is far from ready to take such a step.

"Yes, there are going to be some people that say, 'Run his rear end out of town,'" he said. "If we fail, we're going to fail because we've tried very, very hard and tried everything we possibly can."

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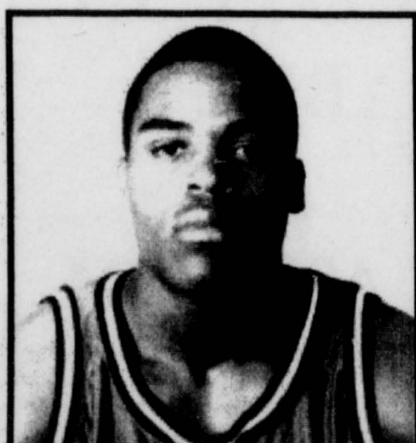
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The Mountaintop

Mountie athletes reaching for the peak of success



Lawrence Culver, 6'7" senior forward and co-captain for the Mountaineer men's basketball team, is ranked second in the nation in rebounding. Culver averages over 12 rebounds a game. He also averages over 18 points per game. His 2.7 steals a game is nationally ranked as well. Culver has racked up 14 double-doubles this season. Culver is a transfer student from Akron University and originally hails from Youngstown, New York.

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Chances "slim" for additional SSHE funding

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

A recent State System of Higher Education proposal by Gov. Tom Ridge recommends a two percent budget increase for their faculty and has become a controversial issue on campus.

Dr. Priscilla Travis, president of the Mansfield University chapter of the Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty, feels that SSHE is already underfunded and that a two percent increase is not nearly enough

to help the current dismal funding situation.

"SSHE is asking, but they are not being funded," Travis said. "The system needs more money so they can meet past and future needs."

On the other side, Dr. Joseph Moore, MU Provost, feels the increase should be viewed as an appropriate gain. He said that SSHE should feel lucky to see an increase whereas in other states the public tax dollar for higher education is declining.

"We remain appreciative of any dollar that is in the plus column," Moore

said.

Travis believes all SSHE universities have serious problems with underfunding and that a two percent increase won't help them "catch up."

"The governor is not funding the universities," Travis said. "Chances are very, very slim that we'll get more funding."

According to Travis, SSHE schools will have to continue to individually cut funding for certain programs as long as the increase in funding is equal to the rate of inflation.

"The way they dole out money

really hurts us," Travis said.

Since MU is the second smallest state school, she said it will be especially affected and would receive less of the increase.

"Our administration works very hard to make sure there is money to fund academic programs," Travis said, citing that every year it becomes more difficult to cut financial corners. "It is very hard to save money by cutting programs. There aren't many places left to cut, in terms of budget ... and we're at

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Mounties cruise to PSAC finals Berth Kenny Woseley scores a career high of 30 points

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineers men's basketball team received a 10th place Division II national ranking last Tuesday, jumping into the national Top 10 for the first time since their 1984-85 season.

The Mountaineers played like a ranked team later that night as they defeated the Edinboro Fighting Scots 117-103 in the first playoff game at Decker gym since 1986.

The Mounties dominated the first half of the game as they stifled the Scots, allowing them only 38 first half points compared to Mansfield's 65 point tally.

"For not having a lot of guys with play-off experience, I couldn't be happier with the way they played for most of the game," MU Head Coach Tom Ackerman said.

Actually, not much has happened this season not to make Ackerman happy.

This year, the Mountaineer basketball team has achieved a 24-3 record overall and have already clinched the PSAC East crown. Because of this, Mansfield's Decker Gym was chosen to host the PSAC championship tourney.

The Mounties are ranked third in the nation in scoring, averaging 96.3 points per game. They have also won 15 of their last 16 games.

One player had another reason to celebrate Tuesday's win. It was Kenny Woseley's 22nd birthday.

"That game was a present to me for my birthday," Woseley said. "I enjoy the hype of the playoffs and the pressure that comes with it. I've been there before and knew I had to step it up tonight."

Woseley, a senior Division I transfer from Akron University, led the Mountaineers in scoring Tuesday night with 30 points. Woseley, as well as Louis Judson and Lawrence Culver, has nationally ranked statistics in Division II basketball.

Woseley, a co-captain and forward, is ranked 19th in the nation in

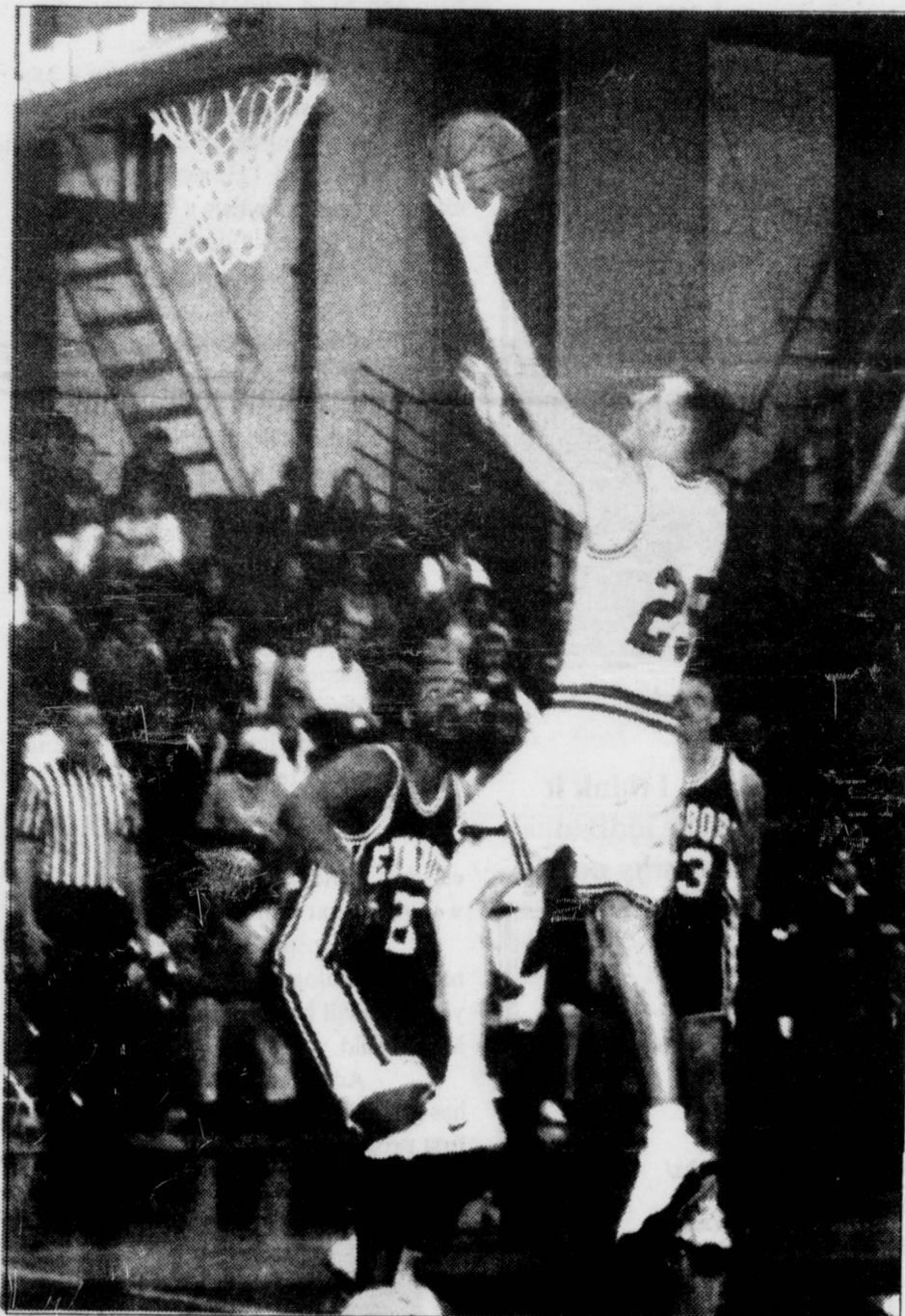


Photo by Brent McCallus

Lewis Judson, the PSAC's leading scorer, laid in two of his total eighteen points against Edinboro.

steals, averaging 2.7 per outing. He is also ranked in many PSAC statistics.

He is ranked second in steals, and second in assists with 5.4 per game, and sixth in scoring with 18.2 points per game. He has also been named the PSAC East Player of the Week twice and once named ECAC South Player of the Week.

"Kenny Woseley really set the pace for the game and there was nothing Edinboro could do to stop him," Ackerman said. "He either hit the shot, made the pass, or had the steal all game long." Another of Ackerman's many weapons is Louis Judson, a senior shoot-

ing guard specializing in perimeter shooting. He is ranked in numerous three point field goal categories including ranking first in the PSAC in three point field goal percentage.

Judson has played four years under Ackerman, erasing many Mountaineer records as he developed into the PSAC's leading scorer for the 1996-97 season.

Judson, a 6'2" senior guard, averages 23.1 points per game, ranking him nationally as Division II's 11th high-

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New withdrawal policy in works at Mansfield U.

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

Mansfield University Provost Dr. Joseph Moore has proposed a new policy which is in the process of being approved by different university organizations that will change the current 10 week withdrawal policy to nine weeks.

According to Moore, the new policy states that students will only be able to withdraw from a class until the Friday of the ninth week of classes in a given semester.

"Currently students have until the end of the 10th week of classes to withdraw from a class and not receive a grade," Moore said. "After the 10th week, students receive the grade that they currently have. This proposal changes that time frame to nine weeks instead of 10."

Moore also said that, under the new policy, students will have a form they are required to fill out that includes the signature of the class instructor and, for freshmen and sophomores, the signature of the student's advisor.

"Seniors and juniors do not have to get the form approved by their advisor," Moore said. "Freshmen and sophomores do have to get the withdrawal approved by their advisor."

Moore gave a number of reasons for having freshmen and sophomores get their withdrawals approved by their advisors.

"We want freshmen and sophomores to confer with their advisors in order to help them make wiser decisions when it comes to withdrawing from a class," Moore said. "We also want to promote more interaction between students and their advisors."

Moore said that this policy has to be approved by a number of university organizations including the Academic Affairs Committee, which passed the policy on Tuesday of this week.

"I got a positive response to the policy from SGA (Student Government Association)," Moore said. "The policy now goes to the Department of Chairs."

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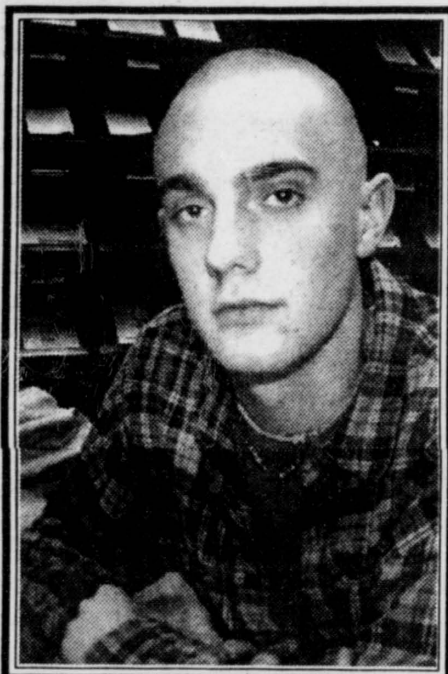
by Brent McCallus

"How do you feel about the possible changes in the withdrawal policy?"



Tonya Baumgarner
sophomore

"I don't think its right because its up to the students if they want to withdrawal and when."



Nate Clark
sophomore

"I think its good because it makes students work a little harder in their classes."



Stephanie Kenny
sophomore

"I think it should be the students who make the policy and not the administration."



Holly Blyler
junior

"I don't like it. I think it should be up to the individual. We pay for it so why not?"

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the point where we have done all our cutting and there is not much more to do."

Travis recommends that if students want to see an increase in funding that they start talking to their state representatives and senators about their concerns.

Travis also said that a major complaint she hears is that instead of building new buildings and renovating old ones, the university should put that money towards education. She said that money delegated for construction, known as capital funding, can only be used for that and nothing else.

"Capital projects can only be used for buildings and furnishings, not academics," Travis said. "Any kind of construction [funding] does not come out of education."

Another problem that Travis has with the general funding situation is the distribution of PHEAA grants to students. According to Travis the distribution of the PHEAA grants to students does not necessarily help only those stu-

dents who attend state schools.

"The governor can't say that PHEAA helps state students only," said Travis. "Those students (who receive the grants) can elect not to go to state schools."

According to Moore, the PHEAA grants help state students to afford school.

"Increase in state grants (PHEAA) also helps our students, many of whom receive significant financial assistance," said Moore.

Among the recommendations presented were an increase for two special purpose appropriations, affirmative actions initiatives and the recruitment of disadvantaged students.

Of the 1.4 million proposed for the affirmative actions initiatives and the recruitment of disadvantaged students, only \$327,000 were granted, Travis said.

According to Moore, the governor recommends the budget and then waits to see where the house and senate end up on the issue. The final decision is made by the Governor, who then decides whether or not to accept the amended budget.

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Mark Smith, president of SGA, said that there was a long discussion between SGA and Moore about the policy.

"The senators asked him a lot of specific questions about the policy and he (Moore) defended the policy quite well," Smith said. "He said that student retention just isn't where it should be and this would force students to talk with their advisors. He also said that the time when a student withdraws from a class does affect their financial refund. He said that this forces students to find out their status in their classes."

Smith said that he supports the policy but initially he didn't. He also said that the current policy has only been in effect for the past year.

"Initially, I was against the policy because it's so soon after the last policy changed and there wasn't enough of a time frame to see if the current policy could work," Smith said. "I realized that this policy benefits students because it forces them to take their college career seriously. I think it's a good idea."

According to Moore, the earliest this policy could be put into use would be next semester.

"If it (the policy) passes it will be in the catalogue for the next academic year and will be used in the fall of '97," Moore said.

According to Moore, the policy has gone through a revision since it was first proposed.

"Originally, the policy was for an 8 week withdrawal period but after I talked to SGA I decided to make it 9 weeks," Moore said. "This way students have the semester break to decide whether or not to stay in their class."

Moore said that there are a number of reasons that this policy was created.

"We (the administration) want students to make commitments to their classes," Moore said. "We also want to reduce the amount of late withdrawals and we want students to use this power judiciously because if a student makes 5 withdrawals it means that they have to take another semester which costs a lot of money."

Student reaction to this policy is mixed.

"It's good that freshmen and sophomores have to see their advisors but the withdrawal period should be longer since the drop period is shorter," said Thuong Lam, an MU senior.

"Having your advisor approve the withdrawal is good because most students don't know what is going on with their progress through college," said Fawnya York, an MU sophomore.

"If they (the administration) are going to do that they should require all instructors to give a letter grade at mid-terms," said Joy Rutledge, an MU senior.

Due to spring break, there will be no issue of the Flashlight on March 7, 1997.



The Trinidad Tripoi Steel Band performed during diner last Wednesday in Manser Dining Hall.

Photo by Brent McCallus

Mamie Diggs speaks on Pa. underground railroad

by **Krissy Dennis**
features editor

International Discussion Hour this week was devoted to the works and research of Mamie Sweeting Diggs. Diggs has dedicated her life to documenting the existence of the underground railroad in Pennsylvania in the 19th century.

The railroad supplied a means for slaves of the day to receive their freedom by fleeing to Canada.

Diggs' great grandfather, Daniel Hughes, was an agent and "conductor" of the underground railroad. Her book, *Follow the Saga of M.S. Diggs*, is available in some museums and college libraries and includes lectures and research that she has conducted over the last twenty years.

Daniel Hughes, a Mohawk Indian chief, was a river raftsman in Muncey, Pa., who traveled back and forth to Maryland transporting logs. On his trips back, Hughes escorted slaves looking for freedom back to Pennsylvania.

According to Diggs, through Hughes' assistance, over 1000 slaves were able to reach freedom.

Diggs recounted one story of a mother and her two kids who were almost discovered by slave catchers in Hughes' home. According to Diggs, the runaway slaves hid from the catchers in

a secret panel in the kitchen and were able to continue on to Canada after the men had left.

She went on to claim that there is a "missing link" in the Pennsylvania underground which she believes to be in Lycoming County.

According to Diggs, the Lycoming County city of Williamsport was an important stop on the underground railroad. She listed Williamsport's United States Hotel as one of the city's safe havens for runaway slaves.

Even North Hall, according to Diggs, was a hideout for runaways. She said that during the time that Mansfield was a boys school in the mid 1800s, slaves were hidden in the basement.

"You've got an important historical building," Diggs said.

Diggs likened the underground railroad to a "human train" whose engineer was famous abolitionist Harriet Tubman and whose cars were those sympathetic to the cause.

According to Diggs, a conductor of the underground railroad, like her great grandfather, was someone who helped to guide the slaves. A railroad agent was someone who set up a station for the slaves to stop at while traveling.

Diggs also traced the path of slaves from their homeland across continents to America and compared the separation of slaves from their families to modern day divorce.



Photo by Megan Sallade

Mamie Diggs, underground railroad historian, spoke during the international discussion hour at the MLK center in Memorial Hall on Thursday, the 27th. Diggs spoke on the existence of the underground railroad in Pennsylvania in the 19th century.

"They were kidnapped (from their homeland) and nobody could do anything about it," Diggs said. "When you were put on an auction block, the families were separated and were never seen again."

According to Diggs everyone had a part in the underground railroad.

"Each and everyone of you, whether Caucasian or black, are all a part of this," Diggs said. "Try to trace your history. You are a product of your own ancestors."

Diggs also stressed the impor-

tance of education and gave her definition of an achiever.

"If you want to have something you have to get an education," said Diggs. "You can achieve any goal you set for yourselves."

Mamie Diggs and her work are the subjects of a documentary that will be aired on WVIA of Scranton/Wilkes Barre/ Hazelton on Friday, February 28th.

The international discussion hour is Thursday at 1pm in the Martin Luther King center in Memorial Hall.

Mansfield hosts Russian lecture

by **Darren A. Meehan**
news editor

Mansfield University hosted a lecture discussing Russia and its relations with the United States as "The Year of Russia" continues on campus.

Dr. Alexander Kubyshkin, Russian transfer professor from Volgograd University, presented the audience with a candid portrait of life in the former Soviet Union including a discussion of Russian apartheid and a plea for Americans to embrace Russia as an economic partner.

Student govt. hold weekly meeting

by **Joey West**
staff reporter

One topic of discussion at Monday nights student government meeting was the question of what Mansfield University will do about parking problems. Further into the discussion, one senator suggested that MU build a parking garage. Smith's response was similar to other SGA members.

"No way we could get funding for that," Smith said. He went on by saying there is "(no) proper space for it." SGA Treasurer E.J. Gallagher said, "I think it is more an issue of being closer to the buildings." The other members of SGA had the same feelings about the problem. However, SGA is going to send a member to talk to K.P. Collier, Director of Campus Police and Safety. Reactions from the approximately 25 audience members were mixed.

"That lot on top of 'Cardiac,' since they have taken down the fence, can be expanded," said an audience member. The suggestion was to expand the parking lot past the old fence onto the grass and not to build a parking lot over the Myers Band Field, which is used a majority of the time by the football team and not by the marching band, as it is supposed to.

Another suggestion for solving the problem has been to give more space to lower division students on top of "Cardiac Hill." This suggestion was based on the observation that the portion of the lot that is upper division is usually 90% empty. Smith said, "I don't think that there is a whole lot that can be done." Gallagher added, "Everyone complains about (the) Troy lot."

"I don't think they should complain because, at other schools, they are not even allowed to have cars (on campus)," said Thuong Lam, an MU senior. "It is a part of being a freshman."

In other matters, SGA said:

* There is a committee to decide the future of Alumni Hall. There is no word yet on any of the names of the members. It may become a student center.

* The search for a new Director of Admissions is down to three candidates. All three have met with SGA members. A decision will be made in March or early April.

* SGA Treasurer E.J. Gallagher says the balance in SGA account is \$5,892.23, with no difference from last week.

* MU will offer two post-graduate level special education courses this summer. There will be no graduate level computer courses offered this summer.

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Upcoming Forums, Films and Lectures

"I Shot Andy Warhol"
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Russian Architecture
Presented By:
Prof. Tatiana Anisimova,
Professor of Architecture,
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March 18th at 3:30pm
in North Dining Room

MAC presents:
"Ransom"
Saturday and Sunday,
March 1st and 2nd
at 7:00pm in
Allen Lecture Hall

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Mr. Mark Mangan,
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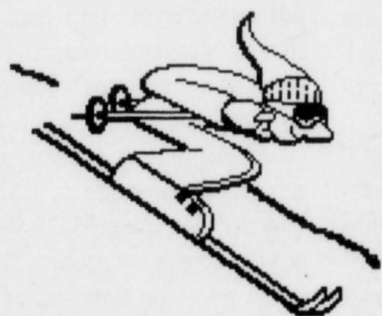
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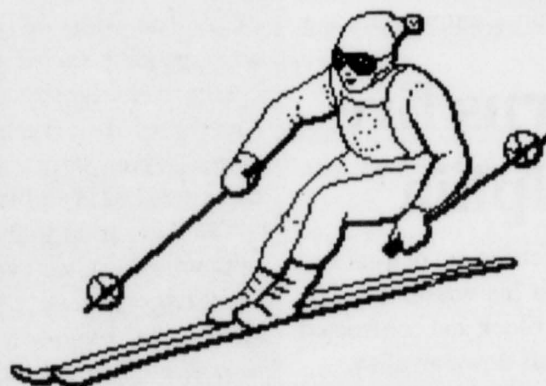
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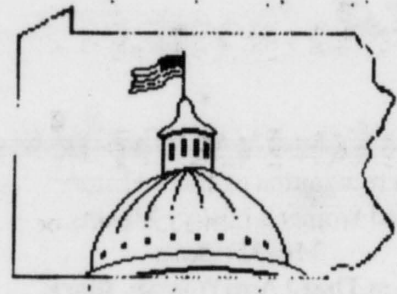
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Pennsylvania in the news

Dr. indicted for assisting druglord evade capture

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police were closing in on Richie Ramos' cocaine and crack empire when the druglord asked his family's longtime physician to perform surgery.

When Ramos left Dr. Jose Castillo's office in 1990, he was nearly unrecognizable. He was thinner; his fingerprints were altered and the scars on his face were reduced — changes that prosecutors say helped him elude police for the next 18 months.

A federal jury must decide whether the surgeon beloved in the Hispanic community was being a good doctor or illegally helping one of Philadelphia's most notorious drug kingpins. Deliberations began Wednesday.

"I'm shocked. It's like Mr. Rogers being on trial. He's like Mr. Rogers, he's that nice," said Dianna McKenzie, of suburban Philadelphia, whose family has trusted Castillo as their doctor for years. "It's just his nature to help people."

Both sides agree Castillo operated on Ramos. The question is whether the intent was to alter the drug lord's appearance — and whether Castillo knew Ramos was a wanted man.

Castillo, 68, is charged with conspiracy to harbor a fugitive and obstruction of justice. If convicted, he faces up to 10 years in jail and the loss of his medical license.

"This case is unique because he (must have) harbored not by detaining but by

changing," defense attorney Marc Raspanti said Tuesday in court.

The case has stunned Philadelphia's Hispanic community, which has long known of Castillo's dedication to providing free or reduced-cost medical services to the poor and elderly. The native of Mexico hosts a popular Spanish-language medical advice program and has been praised by the Clinton White House and the Consul General of Mexico.

"Good people often do strange things and bad people often do good things," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Zauzmar, who helped prosecute Ramos and the 40 other people charged with running the Ramos family drug ring in the late 1980s. "Here you have a doctor who is well-respected in the community, assisting a fugitive in a narcotics case."

Many supporters had the most trouble reconciling Castillo's community work and his involvement with the Ramos family.

In 1990, the good doctor testified for Maria Ramos, Richie's mother, who was convicted of drug charges and sentenced to life in prison without parole. Castillo said that Maria Ramos — known as the "Ma Barker" of the family-run drug ring — was too unstable to stand trial.

"Why would he jeopardize himself for this guy?" said Mike Davis, 26, of Easton, Pa., whose family has known Castillo socially and as their doctor for more than 20 years. "A man of his cre-

Governor Ridge to meet with Pope John Paul II

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge is scheduled to meet with Pope John Paul II when he travels to Rome next week to promote Pennsylvania tourism, according to Ridge spokesman Tim Reeves.

The governor wants to pay his respects to the Pope, even though that isn't the purpose of the trip. The audience with the Pope is not expected to be a private one between the two leaders.

Reeves said the only purpose is to promote Pennsylvania as a destination for Italian tourists, who spent over \$1 bil-

lion in the United States last year. Only a fraction of that amount was spent in Pennsylvania.

"Our goal is simple: to win a bigger slice of the Italian tourism dollar, Ridge said. "If we succeed, it will mean more jobs for Pennsylvanians."

Ridge's tentative schedule includes meetings with Italian business executives and Pennsylvania's European trade representative Tom Beyer.

The governor also plans to visit Temple University's Rome Campus, among other activities.

Police officer shot, returns fire at marauder in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A police officer struggling with a suspect was shot in the legs six times early Monday but was able to return fire and kill the man.

Officer Jecal Dulaney, 26, spent hours in surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania after taking five bullets in the right leg and one in the left during the 4 a.m. shootout in Southwest Philadelphia, authorities said.

The dead man was identified as Gary Smith, 22, of Philadelphia.

Dulaney was on routine patrol when

he spotted Smith getting out of a car and tucking a gun into his waistband. The officer circled the block and confronted Smith, who took off down an alley.

Dulaney followed and caught Smith, who spun around and opened fire, police said. Despite his wounds, Dulaney was able to fire back and killed Smith.

Dulaney's wife, Julie, is also a police officer assigned to the 18th district.

Police could not speculate as to Smith's motives. An investigation was continuing, they said.

Paroled sex offender awaits job ruling

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A paroled sex offender from Vermont hired by the state to work with juvenile delinquents shortly before such hirings were banned is stuck in bureaucratic limbo two years later.

Dana M. Shaw was hired by the Public Welfare Department to work at its Loysville detention center in March 1995, several months after he was released from a Vermont prison where he served 10 years for sexual assault.

Shaw, 48, a Harrisburg native with previous criminal convictions in two other states, has been promoted and was named employee of the year at the high-security unit at the all-male center in Perry County in 1995.

But because of changes in state hiring policies and the administration's sensitivity to publicity about the case, he was transferred recently to a temporary regional office job where he does not come in contact with youths.

At the time Shaw was hired, the state's child protection law barred people convicted of certain crimes from working directly with children within five years of their conviction.

A change that took effect in July 1995, four months after Shaw was hired, removed the five-year limit and extended the hiring ban to anyone ever convicted of any of the specified crimes.

State Welfare Secretary Feather

Houstoun defended the decision to hire Shaw.

"It was obviously legally and technically correct," she said. "His performance bears out that judgment."

Gov. Tom Ridge, who is Houstoun's boss, disagreed.

"I was severely disturbed to learn the facts of this matter," the governor said. "I've instructed Secretary Houstoun to make certain everyone involved in the hiring, which occurred in the early days of this administration, clearly understands the decision was wrong."

Department officials said Shaw has been forthcoming about his criminal record, and he promptly stepped forth to register on the Megan's Law sex-offender list when it was expanded last spring to include people on probation or parole.

Shaw's lawyer said the transfer, which was ordered after The Patriot-News of Harrisburg inquired about the case, was unfair.

"He really felt, for the first time in his life, he was beginning to be a decent, productive individual," said Corky Goldstein.

Shaw has appealed his transfer to the state Civil Service Commission, while state officials seek to place him in a permanent job that does not involve contact with young people.

State Senate confronts Penn State on massive expansion

HARRISBURG (AP) — State senators told Penn State President Graham Spanier they worry the university is becoming so big it could overwhelm competing colleges and medical centers.

"Their fear is that you are the giant," said Sen. Robert Tomlinson, R-Bucks. "I wonder whether there's a relationship between Joe Paterno, the national championship and the number of applicants you get. Your ability to promote your institution can affect a few hundred students moving one way or another."

Spanier, who was presenting his budget request Tuesday to the Senate Appropriations Committee, found himself addressing many of the fears raised by the university's plans to expand its branch campuses and merge with Dickinson Law School and the Geisinger Medical Center.

Although the university needs more money, state funds will not go towards those expansion plans, he said.

Gov. Tom Ridge has proposed a 2 percent spending increase for Penn State, but the university says it needs more than four times that much just to stay on course. Penn State's appropriation for this year is \$281 million.

"We have tried to do (the expansion) without asking for one more dollar. ... Our budget request is predicated on efforts to keep funding for students as low as possible," Spanier said.

The branch campus expansion, which takes effect July 1, will enable students to complete all four years of study at most satellite campuses.

Until now, Penn State's branch campuses have served exclusively as two-year feeder schools for the main campus in State College.

Spanier said it was never the

university's intention to gain an unfair advantage over other institutions. Penn State has agreed to cap freshmen enrollment at some branch campuses and not to duplicate most of the programs already offered at schools that compete with them, he said.

In addition, he said, "It won't cost taxpayers any more money. Any increased costs must be handled at the campus level by tuition generated through the increased campus enrollment."

But Sen. Joseph Uliana questioned whether Penn State would be seeking state support to renovate buildings on the branch campuses so it can accommodate increased enrollments. The university has requested \$78.5 million for 18 such projects in a separate capital improvement request, he said.

"While you wouldn't be using money from the operating budget, you'd be relying on the capital budget more and more to meet your capacity at the branches," the Northampton Republican charged.

Spanier said the renovations were needed before the expansion was approved and had nothing to do with the expected increase in enrollment.

In addition, some senators worried about the effects of Penn State's planned merger with Geisinger, which will provide a combined network of 77 clinics spanning 40 Pennsylvania counties.

Some senators contended that the new partnership would have an unfair advantage over other community medical providers, with Penn State's highly recognizable name drawing new patients. And the university would receive \$4.5 million toward its medical school programs at Hershey, boosting it over the competition, the senators said.



Around the Nation

Congressman attacks NBC for "Schindler's List"

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Oklahoma congressman says NBC took network television "to an all-time low, with full-frontal nudity, violence and profanity" for airing "Schindler's List" during family viewing time.

Rep. Tom Coburn, head of the conservative Congressional Family Caucus, said Monday that NBC's decision to air the Holocaust movie Sunday evening should outrage parents and "decent-minded individuals everywhere." Several fellow Republicans, however, applauded NBC for airing the movie and criticized Coburn.

"These are very unfortunate and foolish comments," said GOP activist William Bennett, who has been waging a campaign against gratuitous sex and violence in entertainment media.

In an interview today, Bennett said, "Coburn's view obscures, even obliterates, the distinction between gratuitous violence and nudity — that is violence and nudity to titillate — and violence and human realism essential to the telling of an important story or historical truth."

NBC, which estimated that 65 million people watched all or part of the 3 1/2-hour, Oscar-winning movie, called Coburn's view "frightening" and said it is proud of its telecast.

"We think that Congressman Coburn's statement should send a chill through every intelligent and fair-minded person in America," said Don Ohlmeyer, NBC West Coast president. "This is exactly what we find frightening about the 'helpful hand' of the government interfering

with television programming decisions. NBC is extremely proud of its presentation of this unique award-winning film."

Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., said he was sorry a fellow Republican would take such a narrow perspective.

"This should not be the view expressed by anyone in public office," said D'Amato.

"To equate the nudity of Holocaust victims in the concentration camps with any sexual connotation is outrageous and offensive," D'Amato said in a speech on the Senate floor.

"I'm particularly embarrassed they were made by a member of my own party."

In his statement, Coburn said public outrage could be the only way to stop the networks from "polluting the minds of our children."

"I cringe when I realize that there were children all across this nation watching this program. They were exposed to the violence of multiple gunshot head wounds, vile language, full frontal nudity and irresponsible sexual activity," he said.

The black-and-white film directed by Steven Spielberg was shown virtually uncut and was uninterrupted by commercials. It had a TV-M rating (mature audiences only).

Before the show began, Spielberg personally advised viewers the movie was not appropriate for young viewers. Bennett applauded that advisory.

Greenspan warns of "excessive optimism" on Wall Street

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan took his sharpest aim yet at the raging bull market, warning of "excessive optimism" on Wall Street and reminding investors the Fed could launch a pre-emptive strike against inflation.

The comments roiled U.S. financial markets on Wednesday, sending stock and bond prices plunging. The Dow Jones industrial average was off more than 120 points in afternoon trading but trimmed those losses to close down 55.03 at 6,983.18.

In delivering his semiannual report to Congress on monetary policy, Greenspan used blunter and more detailed language to describe the central bank's worries than he had in a Dec. 5 speech.

At that time, he first raised concerns that investors might be in the grips of "irrational exuberance." Markets plunged around the world, but the impact was short-lived and the Dow soon began setting new records.

In his new testimony, Greenspan pointedly mentioned that the Fed was closely

monitoring financial markets and the overall economy and stood ready to raise interest rates to fight pending price pressures.

"This is a rather blunt warning that if the stock market continues to roar ahead, it is threatening to become a source of economic instability," said Lyle Gramley, economic consultant at the Mortgage Bankers Association and a former Fed board member.

American investors, including those saving for retirement, have been pouring money into the stock market, helping to fuel the rapid increases in stock prices in recent years.

Greenspan and officials in the Clinton administration have begun to worry about the impact on these investors, many of whom are investing for the first time, if there is a sharp and prolonged fall in stock prices.

In his appearance before the Senate Banking Committee, Greenspan warned that U.S. investors may have grown complacent about the risks.

Catholic church must produce private records

HARRISBURG (AP) — Roman Catholic church officials must produce private records sought by a man accused in the 1990 slaying of a Schuylkill County priest, the Pennsylvania State Supreme Court ruled.

The court said in a 4-2 ruling Monday that the records should be released to a trial judge for review in a closed court session. The judge will evaluate the documents, held by the church's Allentown diocese, to determine which information is irrelevant or confidential.

Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, writing the opinion, said the court disagreed with the diocese position that "the compelled production of its archival documents violates its right to the free exercise of religion as protected by the federal and state constitutions" and state law.

The review of documents for use in the long-delayed trial "does not impermissibly intrude upon the diocese's exercise of its religious beliefs and practices," Ms. Newman wrote.

She said information could be considered privileged only if it were given "in confidence to a member of the clergy in his or her capacity as confessor or spiritual adviser."

A dissenting opinion, written by Justice Russell Nigro, said the majority ruling had "rewritten the Pennsylvania clergyman statute and restricted its application to spiritual communications."

Nigro, who joined in his dissent by Justice Ralph Cappy, said the duties of religious leaders go beyond providing spiritual advice. In some areas, the dissenters said, churches fill gaps in social services the government cannot provide. "Disclosure of confidential communications in these settings may deter those who need a religious leader's support from seeking it," Nigro wrote.

A lawyer for David G. Stewart Jr., accused in the September 1990 fatal shooting of the Rev. Leo I. Heineman, said the suspect is entitled to information in the priest's private papers.

Planet 51 Pegasus is only an illusion Canadian claims

NEW YORK (AP) — The first world ever found beyond the solar system is not really a planet at all. But an illusion, a Canadian astronomer contends.

His colleagues are just fooling themselves if they think they've found a planet about half the size of Jupiter orbiting the distant star 51 Pegasi, David Gray says in a paper being published Thursday. When its discovery was announced 16 months ago, the so-called planet was thought to be the first ever found orbiting a star other than the sun.

What astronomers really see when they look at 51 Pegasi, Gray concludes, are regular pulsations of a lone star that mimic the effect of an orbiting planet.

"Something else is going on, and it's no longer reasonable to talk about a planet pulling the star around," Gray, a professor of astronomy at the University of Western Ontario in London, said in a telephone interview.

Since the October 1995 announcement, astronomers have found evidence of planets orbiting about 10 sunlike stars. The planet discoveries have ushered in a new astronomical era, with researchers conjuring images of distant worlds similar to Earth's own solar system, perhaps even capable of supporting life. NASA Administrator Dan Goldin has made it one of his agency's primary goals to snap a picture of a planet light-years away and collect basic information about its composition.

Gray's research doesn't threaten all of that — just some of it. Gray directly questions the existence of only one of the new planets — the one thought to orbit 51 Pegasi — and casts suspicion on two or three like it.

Nevertheless, his suggestion that the planet that got things rolling really doesn't exist has pulled planet hunters down from their mountaintop observatories and onto their favorite battleground — cyberspace.

"The conclusion claimed by Dr. David Gray is extraordinarily premature," Swiss astronomers Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz, the discoverers of the 51 Pegasi planet, wrote on a Web page maintained by the University of Geneva astronomy

department.

The issue is so contentious partly because astronomers can't really see planets orbiting distant stars. They use indirect methods, carefully gauging changes in the star's light, to suggest the presence of planets.

Lots of things can cause starlight to change slightly, but what planet hunters look for is an oscillation caused by a star's wobbling motion. A slight wobbling indicates that the gravitational pull of some invisible planet is tugging the star around.

So far astronomers have detected light variations that look like such wobbling in many distant stars. They've concluded there's a planet responsible in a few cases.

Not so fast, says Gray, at least in the case of 51 Pegasi.

"Although at this stage, the cause of the ... variations in 51 Pegasi are not fully understood, the chance of their being caused by a planet is vanishingly small," Gray writes in Thursday's issue of the British journal Nature.

He observed the 51 Pegasi 39 times between 1989 and 1996, noting each time how a very precise color of light was shifted away from its normal value. The pattern of shifts he collected, more detailed than any other observations of the star, rules out a planet, Gray concludes. He argues that subtle features he detected could be caused only by light variations in the star itself.

If that's true, said Alan Boss of the Carnegie Institution in Washington then 51 Pegasi must behave very unusually for a star so similar to the sun.

Which makes Boss and many other astronomers suspicious.

"The effect he's finding is just sort of barely there," Boss said. "I don't think it's quite time to declare 51 Pegasi dead as a planet."

The debate may be settled in the fall, when two astronomers from the University of Texas at Austin plan to check on the observations of 51 Pegasi. The star can't be observed until then, because it is in the sky during the day in spring and summer.

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Withdrawal policy may change... again!

There is a new university policy in the works here at Mansfield that could change the current withdrawal policy.

The current policy states that any student can withdraw from a class, and not receive a grade for that class, until the end of the ten week of classes in a semester.

The new policy will change the amount of time that a student has to withdraw from a class from ten weeks to nine weeks. This policy also states that students have to fill out a form and get the signature of the instructor for the class and, for all freshmen and sophomores, the signature of their advisor. The advisor signature is not required for juniors and seniors.

Our administration has a number of reasons for making this policy. First, this means that less time and money will be wasted by students in classes for which they will receive no grade. Second, the administration wishes to have students make wiser decisions about dropping out of a class. Third, the administration wants students to be able to prepare for the future because if a student drops out of just five classes then the student will have to make up another whole semester of classes.

Freshmen and sophomores need to obtain their advisor's signature so that they will consult with their advisor in order to make the proper decision so early in their college career. Juniors and seniors do not have to obtain their advisor's signature because it is felt that students this far into their college career can make decisions as big as this on their own.

Two years ago, the policy stated that anyone could withdraw from a class up until the last week of the semester. The policy was then changed to the current ten week policy. Now, we have this new policy, which stands a good chance of being put into effect as early as next fall, which says that we will have nine weeks to withdraw.

The administration says that there are no plans to shorten the withdrawal period again but that's what they said when the policy was changed to ten weeks. Unfortunately, what we are seeing is the slow disintegration of the entire withdrawal policy. It seems to us that the administration here at Mansfield does not want to have a withdrawal period at all but an extended drop period of about three weeks or so and are looking for the safest way to do away with it without raising any student disapproval.

What we see here is the slippery slope effect in progress. Once the wheels got started with the original policy being changed, where and when do they stop? Are there any brakes on the amount of madness that our administration churns out with such reckless abandon?

A good analogy would be the illegalization of drugs (for arguments sake, forget the major political debate that surrounds drugs and their use). In the early 1900's, marijuana was illegalized and then more drugs followed. Now we have people that are prohibited from smoking which could eventually be illegalized, too. Where does this end? In a couple of years, we may no longer be allowed to drink alcohol or caffeine. Slowly, we have lost the opportunity to consume what we want and this trend is continuing.

What the administration needs to do is come up with a policy that is the best possible for everyone involved and stick with it. Hopefully, this policy will be the end of the changes to the withdrawal period. The administration has said so before, but there is no guarantee. We, as students cannot let the rights that we have be taken away from us and we do hope that this is not happening. We must, however, always be leery of any new policy that our administration tries to pass in order to ensure that this does not happen.

We come here to college to learn how to use our minds so let's do that and question the judgement of our superiors.

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- Add period will end one week after classes begin
- Drop period will end six days after classes begin
- Withdrawal period will end three hours after classes begin.

Monty McAdoo speaks on the importance of reference librarians

Remember the class in elementary school when your teacher asked you to write about what your dad did for a living? I always had trouble with that one. Even though he would explain it to me, I never fully understood what he really did nor why it took so long each day to do it. Now, I appreciate how the work never seems to go away. But, even today, the exact nature of what an "Electronics Technician" does remains somewhat nebulous.

Thus, I am not surprised that many people still don't know what today's librarian is or does. Passing comments made by customers, the results of my Fall survey, and any of a number of other sources suggest that this is the case. Lingering stereotypes abound, further muddling the matter. Add to that the juggernaut of technology...and, well, I can understand why people are confused.

Regular readers of The Flashlight know that I've been submitting letters-to-the-editor on a bi-weekly basis in an attempt to generate a greater awareness and understanding of information services and resources. Comments about and/or in The Flashlight (e.g. Dennis Wydra's letter-to-the-editor of 2/14), questions posed during a recent Comm 101 assignment, suggestions placed in the suggestion box, and comments from a variety of other sources have made me realize there's a lot more gray out there than black and white.

To that end, I've decided to expand my efforts into what I hope will be (at least) a bi-weekly commentary where I can explore and discuss information issues in greater detail, particularly as they pertain to users of North Hall. If you have suggestions for future columns, please submit them directly or place them in the suggestion box located across from the Circulation Desk. Till then...

What is a Reference Librarian?

In many cultures, "Shamans" serve as intermediaries between the natural and supernatural realms. In this context, Reference Librarians are sort of "information shamans." We attempt to link a customer with the source(s) that best meets his/her information needs. Just as a reference book refers the readers to something else, reference librarians refer customers to other sources of information.

Although facilitating access to resources has been and continues to be our primary

role, Reference Librarians perform many other functions of which you may or may not be aware. With North Hall being so new, one of our key roles is developing and/or modifying policies and procedures to create a more "user-friendly" environment. The notion of reserving computer time (see my letter-to-the-editor of 2/7/97) is but one example.

In addition, we also teach workshops, decide what gets ordered for or removed from the collection, teach customers how to use a particular index or software application, and perform any number of other "behind-the-scenes" duties. In the months ahead, one of my "labors of love" will be to develop ways of better publicizing library resources and services, including expanding program offerings to all who use North Hall.

Yet, given that we are so intimately involved with the resources and services, it always surprises me how few customers actually ask for assistance. Sometimes the person's too shy or too proud. Sometimes (s)he doesn't know where or whom to ask for help. The "excuse" I find most disturbing is that we're perceived as being too busy to help. So many start off their question with an apology like "This may be a stupid question but..." or "I'm sorry to bother you but..."

ASK QUESTIONS!! The only "stupid" question is the one that doesn't get asked.

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Each of us has assigned hours at the desk. Yes, we do bring other work with us. But, just because we're working on something at the Information Desk doesn't mean we can't or shouldn't be interrupted. We can't fix a problem if we don't know about it. If something's not working or you're having trouble finding what you want, let us know. For example, how many of you know why no books on 'World War One' show up when you do a 'Subject Browse' search on MATLOC?

Simply put, our primary responsibility has been, is, and will continue to be to facilitate access to the resources and services available. If you don't want to stop by in person, pick up one of the courtesy phones in the atrium and call us. E-mail us. Send us a note through campus mail...whatever...Just ask us for help.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the Flashlight office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Kranky Komments

Creativity Abounds and Poems Come Forth

by Peggy Settel
feature writer of the week

The Trilogy of Flight

THE DUNGEON

Here I lay
In my house of glass
My body aches
So tired and worn
These walls are caving in
With all their massiveness
I can't breathe anymore
There's a man
Sitting on my chest
My heart aches
From the pain
Get me out of these chains
I want to fly like those birds

Don't you see them?
They're flying for me
They sing out to me
I lay here stiff with fear
The strength is gone
The walls are caving
Where are my wings?

THE ANGEL

There is she
She waits at my window sill
Look at her beauty!
Her eyes pierce my heart
They look right in
Finding vulnerable spots
Finding the love within me
See her there?
Her wings are spread
With her glorious feathers
Of pure angels hair

In all her spirit awaits
Waiting to take flight
Don't go yet?!
You see me here
Take me with you
Won't you
Looking back, she smiles
Mt heart ...Oh, it fills!
Now I can see life
On this window sill
Waiting for me to break this glass

THE KEY

Frantically I search
Here's my chance
I have to go
I need to fly from this dungeon
So cold and without love
I can feel it
It's coming back for me

I can't miss this chance
Not again
I found the key
Oh my life is complete...now
My angel waits for me
She's sitting there
On my window sill
She waves to me
Through the smokey glass
I walk, as if in dream
Her eyes mesmerize my very soul
They pull me across this dirty floor
Her wings spread
And mine emerge
I've found my wings now
I've found thy soul
The ballet commences
And so, the music shall never end

written 1996, Peggy Settel

by Krissy Dennis
Features Editor

GIRL ON THE COUCH

You wrapped me up in a soft ,
pink blanket; the one you used at my
birth.

I curled up into the child I tried
to maintain and keep everyone else sane.

I grabbed at myself and
screamed and tried to hide.

Silent cries made you feel safe,
but you did not know I almost died.

Your lullaby drifting and hum-
ming secure,
while my lullaby just burnt and
screamed more and more.

Torn away from the old to the
new.

I gave myself to the woman
down the hall who said she always
knew...

about life, choice and the
need to be insane.

GIRL

Pale white skin bends down
picks out a flower for death
wading into life.

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ample of what
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have!
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Hall. Try it you'll
like it.**

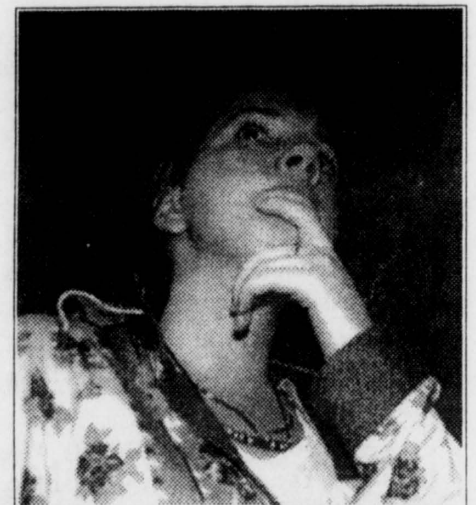


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Schindler's List: A true movie experience

by Krissy Dennis

features editor

Once again I have a heart warming story to share with all of you. Hopefully, somebody out there can relate to this. If you chose to abandon all homework efforts on Sunday like I did and watched Schindler's List, then read on. In fact, this is probably the only column that everyone should be forced to read. Everyone can use a little dose of reality now and then.

I saw Schindler's List in the theater when it first came out about four years ago. I'm ashamed to say that the only thing I worried about was how bored I would be watching a black and white movie. I know, how petty of me.

I sat through that movie and didn't move a muscle, except for the scenes in which someone was shot at pointblank range, which happened quite often. I remember at one point my sister yelling out loud when the first Jewish person was shot. I felt the same, only I was too embarrassed to cry in front of strangers, or my family.

Watching the movie was no different the second time around. I sat in my room on Sunday, on the edge of my bed glued to the screen. This time I was

by myself, so there was no one to see me cry like a baby. That's right, there I sat with tears running down my face and chills going up my back.

Watching that movie makes me question human existence and how some people can be compelled to hate others so much. I wish that I could be jaded and not care about all the troubles in the world, but somehow I do. Human nature never ceases to amaze me. The cruelty and ignorance of people is pretty scary.

I was reminded of the "six-million myth" I had heard about once. Some people believe that the Holocaust is a complete exaggeration. The whole thing was some propaganda set up by God knows who. Despite all the personal accounts told by victims and real footage taken of the prisoner camps, there are actually people who say that the whole thing was made up.

This idea in itself is very hard to swallow. In fact, Monday morning there was a non-believer who called the WETM television station to complain about the movie being aired on television.

According to him, the movie was not based on actual fact, but on a book. True, it was based on a book, but who cares? The events depicted in the movie took place. He also claimed that

the movie was Jewish propaganda and all German people were the targets. What a bold statement!

Of course I'm all for stating one's own opinions, but come on. The opinions should at least be half-way intelligent and not some paranoid delusionional ramblings. Yes, I think that the man is insane and I'm not afraid to say it. He also sounds like he feels a bit guilty. (There, my own bold statement!!!) Of course, I don't feel that the remaining generations of German people should feel guilty, as long as they don't agree with their ancestors' actions.

Saying that the Holocaust never happened is like saying that the Ku Klux Klan holds special celebrations for Kwanza. Come on now, you know it's highly unlikely that they do that. If you don't like my saucy assumptions, write me a letter. Please!!!

If anything, this guy should be happy that the movie depicted a German member of the Nazi party, who actually seemed to give a damn. Granted, he was a profiteer, but he also managed to save the lives of 1100 Jewish people. As the movie progressed, Schindler made it his mission to care about people other than his mistresses.

You can't tell me that 1100 people managed to get their stories about genocide to coincide and keep them that

way for the past fifty-some years. It's a nasty piece of history that cannot be denied or forgotten about.

There has also been some negative feedback about the film being shown on television without editing. Personally, I feel that it is the parents' responsibility to put their children to bed.

However, I also feel that, except for the language, the nudity was not that bad. The main purpose of the nude scenes was to show how awfully the Jewish people were treated in the prison camps. It also serves to show the degradation and humiliation that they endured.

Don't get me wrong, young children should not be able to view the movie until they are old enough to handle the strong issues that it tackles. I thought this film was exceptionally well made.

I say kudos to Steven Spielberg for making such a powerful film. He also started a company called SHOAH, which offers taped, first hand accounts of the Holocaust for educational purposes. SHOAH also offers information about the civil rights movement and other inequities. My Advice, educate yourself and see this movie. Make sure you have a box of tissues and a notebook to write it down.

Prisoners waiting for you, love is in the air

by Krissy Dennis

features and prison connections editor

There seems to be quite the attraction to the Flashlight lately. What are we luring to our esteemed paper? Men in jail. (Note: the preceding sentence should be said like the muppets show "pigs in space.") Not only have we managed to get an inmate from Tennessee to write us, but now we also have a lonely heart writing from Elmira.

Apparently, there is a need for pen pals in the correctional facilities across this nation. We at the Flashlight would like to help. The following is a letter from a man in Elmira.

He is an inmate who is looking for companionship and friendship. He wants a pen pal. If it sounds like something you would like to do, write him back. Before writing him though, some people may be paranoid enough to pick who they want to play them in the movie of the week, "Letters of Obsession." (It was a joke, lighten up.)

To whom it may concern:

The reason I am writing this letter is to hopefully find a friend (pen pal) who wouldn't mind sharing her time.

I wish not to make this open presentation of myself long but I would like to be open and informative. I am 5'8", 175lbs., brown eyes, medium-skinned complexion. I was born and raised in New York City. I'm thirty years young. I enjoy writing, reading and participating in various sports activities. I

also love practicing meditation.

The cause of my imprisonment is no secret to anyone. I have grown into this shaded area of my life whereas I can without being embarrassed. If this sought out pen-pal is found, I will be more than happy to expand on this subject. I found out through my meditation teacher that talking about that and other relative subjects helps me in my growth and development.

I am not particularly concerned about physical appearances, but I will say I have an exceptional interest in large women.

Overall, I'm looking for that friend who will be able and desire to know me for who I am, not what I am. I'm not out to connive, manipulate or whatever anyone. My motives are pure. I'm just a lonely person looking for a friend.

In closing, I hope to hear from that someone soon. Pictures are welcomed and in return, that someone will secure one too.

Yours truly,

Pierre

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Well, there you have it...a lonely guy who needs an ear. If you're looking for friendship, or love, write the poor guy. Please let me know what happens!

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by Gene Yager

staff conductor

Ok, Ok, Ok, Ok... I am really pissed right about now. I have to write this column to all of you people who never really believed me, anyway. I am going to be very self-serving here, and at times I may sound a bit whiney, but I don't care. The Flashlight is under attack, and I refuse to sit around and have people take shots at us from the shadows, in the comfort of their ignorance. I choose to fight. And yeah- we are defensive, some would even say fiercely independent, however, these are acquired traits. Everytime there is a gathering on this campus of more than ten people, it seems like it turns into a Flashlight bash session. Now don't get me wrong. Personally, I like it when people care enough to complain about us. I enjoy hearing from all of the people who love to bitch, but who refuse to get involved. Oh, I know, you have too much work to do. You are already back logged with that toothpick bridge that has been keeping you up late nights. I feel for you man, I really do. I would like for everyone who bashes us to remember one thing. It is a simple thing, and if you have trouble remembering what I am about to tell you, tattoo it to you *!%#. Every week, we at the Flashlight get together, and we provide a service for everyone at MU. We don't promise that it will be perfect, and we don't promise to cover every event on campus. We certainly don't promise to please all of the people, all of the time. What we do promise is that every week,

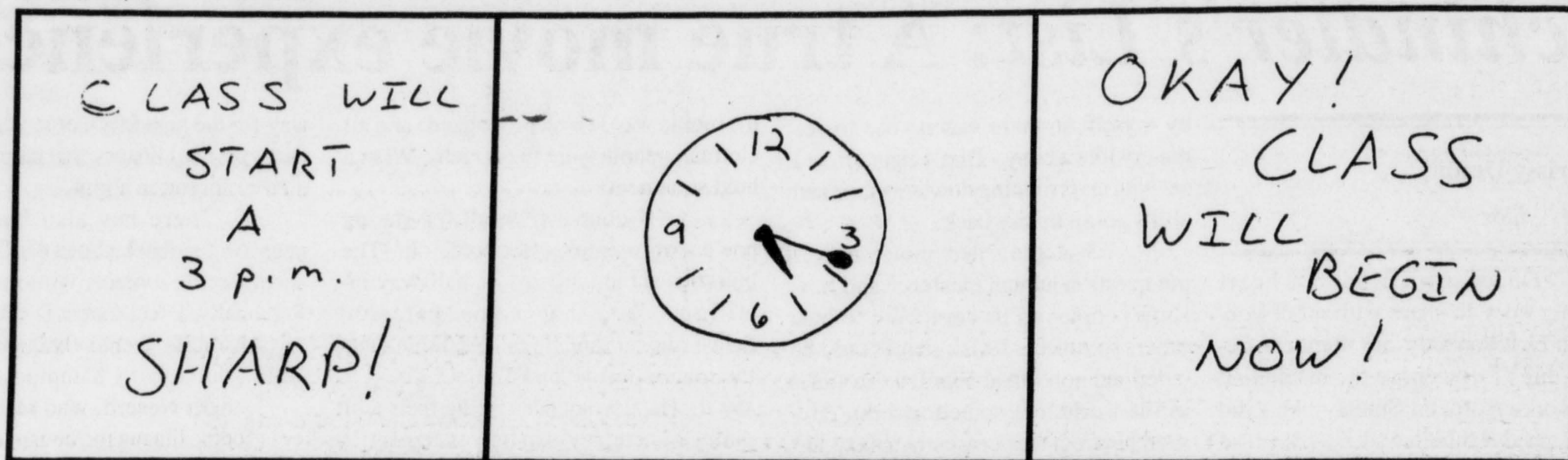
we will produce a newspaper. Have we ever broken our promise? I will speak for everyone here at the Flashlight when I say that there is no group of people on campus who could do a better job. Now I am not limiting my statement to students. I include faculty and staff as well. Cocky? Maybe. Confident? You bet. So come on and try to prove me wrong. We could enter your best paper as well as our best paper in state-wide competitions. What is the matter? Afraid you would have trouble getting a staff together? Afraid that the pressures of putting out a paper every week for an entire semester would get to you? Afraid you wouldn't have time to write us letters of complaint every week? Welcome to my hell. And so, in conclusion, remember what we promise to do for you every week. We may not do it with a smile on our faces, but we never claimed to be in the field of public relations. However, we do it. We don't cancel on account of inclement weather, and if one of us is on our death bed with food poisoning, we still hold true to our promise. We don't take off for the big party Thursday night, and lack of sleep is easily cured with some heroin (just kidding). So if you want, bash us, but please don't send in a letter saying how you appreciate us, that may make me sick. If you really don't like us, and if nothing of what I have said makes any impact, I have a toe tag with your name on it. I will continue to enjoy hearing your future rantings and ravings- you always look so beautiful when you are angry.

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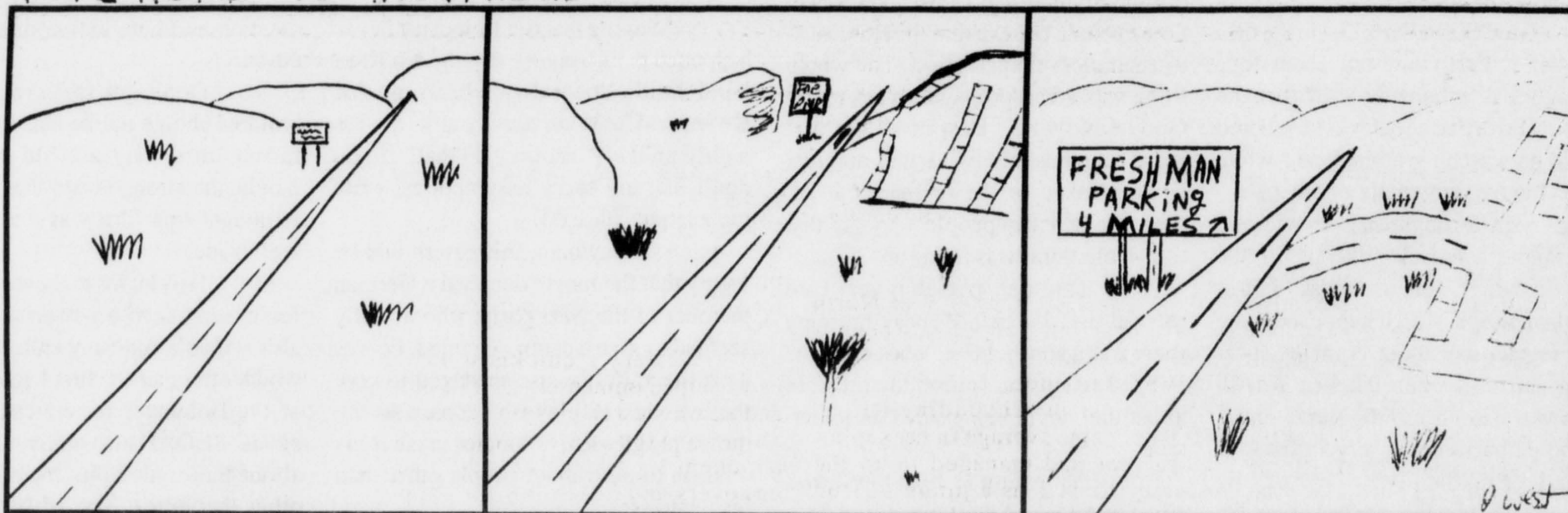
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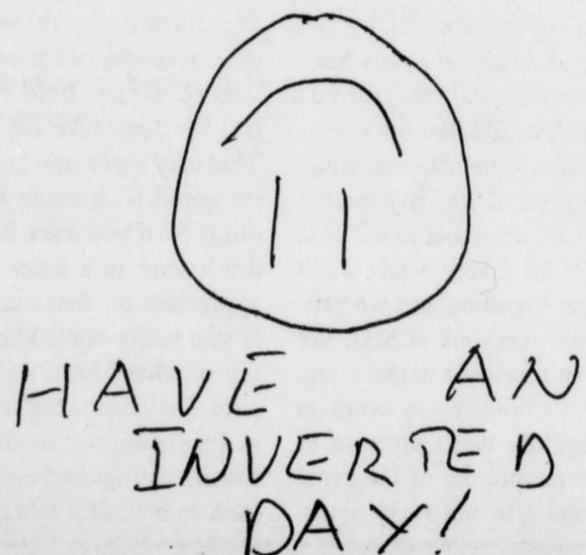
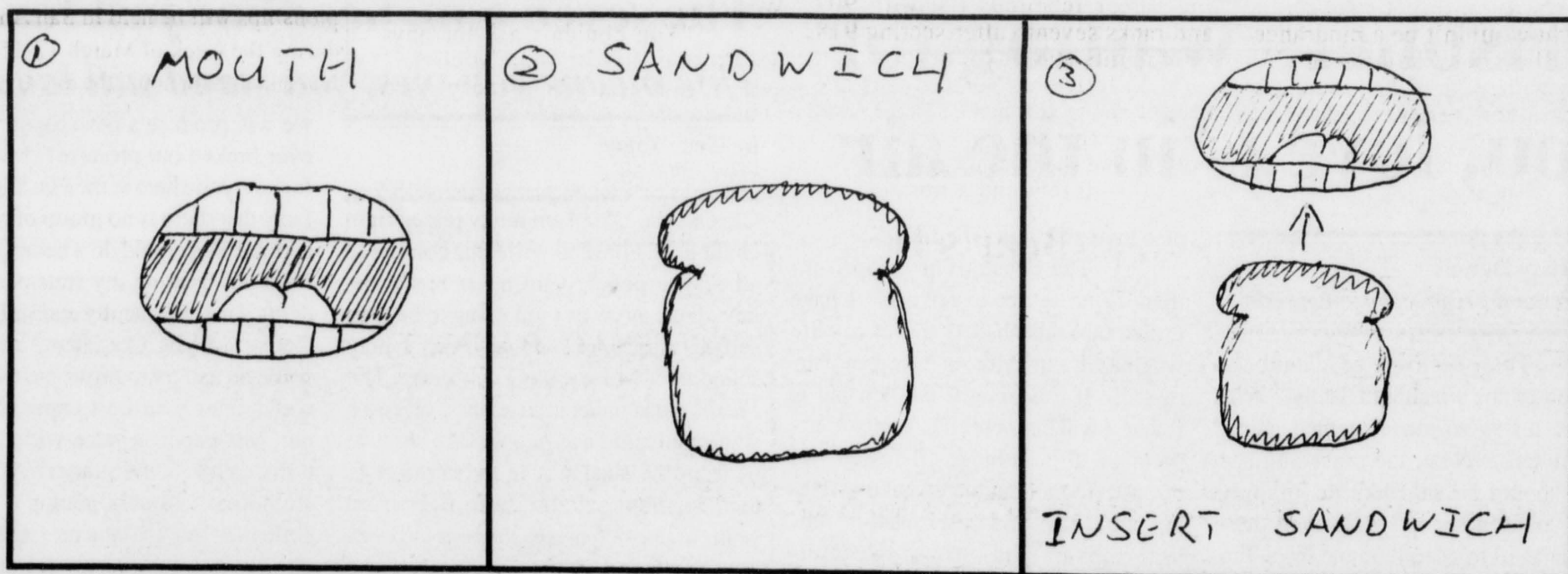
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Michele Jeffery reaches 900-900 club

Jackie Williams
Sports Reporter

Senior forward Michele Jeffery does not look intimidating to other players around the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. However, looks can definitely be deceiving.

In the second to last game of her career last week against East Stroudsburg University, Jeffery became just the second woman in Mansfield's history to surpass the 900 points and 900 rebounds plateau in a career. The only other woman to accomplish this feat was former standout Deb Schneider from 1983-86.

Standing at only 5'9", Jeffery is not tall by basketball standards. In every game she had to face players that usually topped off at over the six foot mark. However, Jeffery says her height had a positive effect on her game.

"The only time my height has ever hurt me was when I was being recruited," says Jeffery. "Coaches would take one look at the short girl and pass me over. Being shorter than every forward I face has made me work harder, just to prove I can hang with the bigger, taller girls."

After making it to Mansfield Jeffery put in a lot of long hours in the weight room to get stronger, so her height wouldn't be a hindrance.

She has combined her strength with a good knowledge of the game, and other physical attributes like big hands and a lot of heart to become one of the best players in Mansfield women's basketball

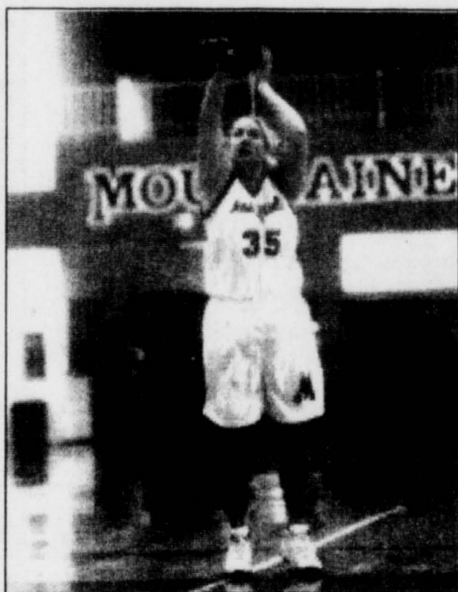


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Michele Jeffery, senior forward, accomplished 900 points and 900 rebounds with desire and hard work

history.

Jeffery, formerly of North Carolina High School has been a four year starter for the Mounties. During that time, Jeffery led the PSAC East in rebounding with a 10.0 per game average in her sophomore year and managed to up the average to 11.1 as a junior to lead the entire 14 team conference.

After hauling down 9.0 rebounds a game this year she once again topped the Eastern Division in that category. She is second on the career rebounds list with 907 and ranks seventh after scoring 918 total points at Mansfield.

Jeffery is not tall, but she makes space for herself under the boards so that she can get tot he rebounds and she doesn't give up. Often she will rebound a miss two or

three times until it finally goes through the net.

"From a physical perspective, she has no size," says Mansfield Assistant Coach, Anne Bonner. "But she does have a physical ability, mostly strength that enables her to rebound and to put the ball in the hole. She has a way of getting it done without dwelling on her size."

Jeffery feels rebounding has less to do the physical traits than it does just knowing where to be.

"I've always had a knack for being able to anticipate where the ball is going to come off the rim," says Jeffery. "After working with the same girls for four years, you start to learn them-you start to know where their shot is going to go and how it is going to fall."

Great players never want to be considered one-dimensional and Jeffery is no exception. Besides excelling in rebounds and point totals, she also ranks among the top ten players in career games, steals and free throw shooting percentage at .721.

Jeffery's quickness in the paint helped immensely against taller and often slower players. She was able to step quickly into the opponent's passing lanes to cause turnovers and headaches for opposing coaches and now ranks third on all-time steals list with 180.

Jeffery also took the school record with 10 steals in a game this season against West Virginia Wesleyan.

"You couldn't ask for anyone to play harder than Michele," said Mountaineer head coach Jen Lynch in a recent press release. "She was a go to player who gave her best every time she stepped out on the court and she will be greatly missed."

Naeill anchors swimmers

by J.P. Fella
sports reporter

The Mansfield University swim team posted a school best 8th place finish at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championship.

Nikki Noaeill, who set three school records during the course of the meet, took 12th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 58.89 while the 400 free relay team was 11th with a time of 4:10.39.

Noaeill, a two-time All-American at St. Cloud State, is the PSAC's number one swimmer.

Noaeill, a junior, became the first swimmer in Mansfield history to earn a 50 freestyle gold medal when she won the event at the opening day of the PSAC Championships which were held at West Chester.

Noaeill, who was an NCAA Division II All-American in the 50 freestyle last season, set a new school record with a time of 24.18, defeating second place finisher Laurie Ratica of Clarion by .17 seconds. Noaeill remains undefeated in the 50 freestyle for the season.

Noaeill's time qualified her for the NCAA Division II National Championship in the event. The championships will be held in San Antonio during the week of March 12-15. Noaeill also anchored the 800 freestyle relay team of Amy Dugo, Rona Kahle, and April Hart which shattered the old school record of 9:40.90 with a time of 9:16.70.

Vosburgh and Coyle win at Bear's Den

special to the Flashlight

Kutztown-- Dave Coyle breezed across the finish line with a time of 23.31 to win the 200 meters at the Bear's Den Invitational at Kutztown University Sunday afternoon.

Coyle, a sophomore from Sayre, outdistanced second place finisher John Colmon of Cabrini who finished with a time of 23.56.

Senior Dana Vosburgh, of

Pittsford, New York, continued his winning ways as well.

He finishing first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:00.34, well ahead of second place finisher Justin DePasqua of Shippensburg.

Mike Lane, of Ulster, also placed in the meet with a fifth place showing in the 500 meters at 1:09.24 while the 4 x 400 relay team was third with a time of 3:33.14.

The Mounties will travel to the ECAC Championship meet next weekend at Kutztown.

1997 PSAC BASKETBALL FINAL FOUR CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

DATES:	Quarterfinal	Friday, February 28, 1997
	6:00 pm	Cheyney vs. Clarion
	8:00 pm	California vs. Mansfield
	Finals	Saturday, March 1, 1997
	7:30 pm	Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

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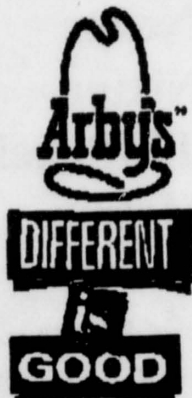
The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Division II National Championship Tournament. The opening round East Regional Tournament takes the top six teams in the East Region with the two top teams receiving a first round bye. The tournament will probably be held at the site of the #1 ranked team in the region. The NCAA East Region includes Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

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--by Jason Feather

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PSAC title tournament preview

by Jason Feather
Sports Reporter

The 37th Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Basketball Championship will feature four schools that have plenty of PSAC playoff history. California University of Pennsylvania, Cheyney, Clarion, and the host, Mansfield Mountaineers square off this Friday and Saturday at Marion "Spotts" Decker Gymnasium.

The four schools have combined for 21 of the past 36 championships while appearing in the final game 31 times. Cheyney has won the PSAC men's championships with 15 titles under their belts, the last one coming in 1986. California is second on the PSAC title list with six, while Mansfield has won five crowns, the last in 1984. Clarion has never won a PSAC men's title, but has appeared in the championship game five times, losing all of them to Cheyney.

The tournament has the four top seeds from the opening round of the playoffs with Mansfield finishing ahead of Cheyney for the East crown. Clarion won the PSAC West title with California, the defending PSAC Champion, the runner-up.

It will be the first time since 1974-75 that Mansfield will host the PSAC Final Four. The Mountaineers beat Edinboro that year for the PSAC crown.

The California Vulcans, 17-10, have more recent playoff experience than any team in the tournament. California has earned a place in the PSAC Championship game each of the past five seasons, winning the title three times including last year. Under the direction of first year head coach Bill Brown, California has pulled together as of late with a six-game winning streak including a 91-79 win over West Chester in the PSAC opening round.

With three starters, plus five of it's top seven players returning from last year's PSAC Championship team and one of the top rookies in the conference, the Vulcans may have the deepest team in the tournament.

Senior Robert Jones (6-6, 255) is a house inside and ranks 15th in the PSAC in scoring (15.5 points per game) and 11th in the conference in rebounding (7.6 rebounds per game). He ranks second in field goal percentage (.563).

Fellow senior Derrick Scott (6-6, 210) is averaging 14.6 points and 6.9 boards per game while freshman Vince Graham (5-11, 170) has been the hottest rookie in the PSAC West this season,

averaging 14.5 points per game.

Sophomore Eric Watson (6-8, 200) is averaging 8.9 points and 5.1 rebounds with a conference best 1.9 blocks per game off the bench.

Juniors Shea Fleenor (6-8, 220) and Reon Nesmith (6-3, 185) round out the starting five.

Cheyney University Head Coach Al Lewis has led the Wolves to a spot in the PSAC Final Four each of his two seasons. Cheyney will be looking to add to its PSAC best 15 titles at this year's tournament.

The PSAC East runner-up, Cheyney, has a potent offense that averages 77.9 points per game while shooting 48.1% from the floor. They earned a championship berth with a 89-83 win over IUP.

Cheyney opened the year, returning all five starters from last year's PSAC East championship team, and rallied over the second half of the season with the return of coach Lewis who missed much of the early season because of illness.

Senior Anthony Carr (6-0, 165) and junior Farid Harris (6-8, 215) led the team in scoring, with each averaging 13.8 points per game.

Derek Brown (6-7, 220) is averaging 12.6 points and 7.4 rebounds per game, and John Burgess (6-9, 235) has started 22 times this season, averaging 7.2 points and 5.4 rebounds per outing.

Jermaine Williams (6-5, 195) starts at guard where he is averaging 7.2 points per contest, while junior Ray Palmer (6-7, 180) is averaging 10.5 points per game with sophomore Eric Evans scoring at a clip of 9.1 points per game.

Clarion University Head Coach Dr. Ron Richter directed his talented and experienced Golden Eagles, 21-6, to their first PSAC West title since 1985.

Clarion returns four starters from last season and have the second best overall record in the tournament. The Golden Eagles combine a high powered offense, second in the PSAC averaging 82.0 points per game, with a stifling defense that tops the conference in steals and turnover margin.

Senior Oron Brown (6-2, 175) is Division II's all-time leader in career steals and is second on the team in scoring, averaging 15.6 points per game as well as 6.6 rebounds.

Junior Greg Frist (6-4, 185) is averaging a team best 16.2 points per game while junior Richard Turner (6-6, 250) is averaging 13.0 points and 7.2 boards per outing.

Clarion will be without the

services of Jamie Polak who started the first 24 games of the season before suffering an injury.

Sophomore Brad Wright (6-0, 185) chips in with 9.1 points per game while Marvin Wells (6-5, 185) will fill in for Polak and is averaging 8.7 points per game.

Tom Ackerman has directed the Mountaineers to their first PSAC East crown since 1980-81 while setting a school record for regular season wins with 23.

Mansfield is ranked 10th in the latest NCAA Division II poll, their first top ten ranking since opening the 1984-85 season ranked seventh.

The Mountaineers are third in the nation in scoring, averaging 96.9 points per game. MU leads the PSAC in scoring, assists, and rebounds, as well as field goal and 3-point field goal percentage.

Mansfield is led by a trio of seniors Louis Judson, Kenny Woseley, and Lawrence Culver, although all five starters are averaging in double figures and rank among the conference leaders in at least two categories each.

Judson (6-2, 165) is averaging 22.1 points per game and set a new school record for points in a regular season with 596 points.

Woseley (6-4, 190) is among the conference scoring leaders with an 18.5 per game average and is among the top assist and steal leaders in the PSAC.

Culver (6-7, 222) tops Division II in rebounding, pulling down 13.1 boards per contest. In addition, he is scoring at a 16.3 clip and has recorded 21 double-doubles.

Sophomore Steve Shannon (6-7, 210) averages 13.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game, while freshman Tommy Harvey (5-9, 140) is adding 11.5 points and 4.2 assists to the offense.

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Mountaineer women fall to Westchester

by Jill Mancini
sports reporter

On Saturday, February 22, the Women's Basketball team of Mansfield University ended their season with a game against West Chester. Unfortunately, the Mountie women suffered their 20th loss of the season, 74-58.

Christine Hill scored 12 points and Michele Jeffery added another 11. Jeffery also led the team with 7 boards.

The Mounties struggled at the free-throw line in the first half hitting only 6 of 15 for 40%. They were, however, much better in the second half hitting all five attempts.

"We wanted nothing more than to play spoiler in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. West Chester was a team that we really wanted to beat. They kicked us all over the floor the first time we played them down there," commented Mountaineer Head Coach Jennifer Lynch. "We were doing really well for most of the first half, then we made some mistakes that West Chester jumped all over."

Wrapping up the season, the Mountaineers were 6-20 overall and 2-10 in PSAC.

Averaging 10.4 points a game for the season was Becky Dutko followed by Michele Jeffery who averaged 9.9 points per season play. With 234 rebounds this season, Jeffery was named as the top rebounder. In all, the Mounties averaged 61.4 points per game, however they allowed 65.9 for their opponents.

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Mountie athletes reaching for the peak of success



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Bryan Zard, of Mansfield, had a career game against Edinboro. The junior forward had 16 points, 10 rebounds, and 4 assists. His 16 points and 10 rebounds led the Mountaineers to a 77-66 victory over the Edinboro Eagles.

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est scorer this season by amassing over 600 points this season.

These numbers have also made Judson Mansfield University's all-time leading scorer and Mansfield's most accurate shooting guard. Throughout his career he has hit 47.8% of his field goal opportunities.

Judson has been named PSAC East Player of the Week and ECAC South Player of the Week. He has also been named to the ECAC Honor Roll three times this season.

Lawrence Culver is Ackerman's force in the paint. The 6'7" senior forward and co-captain leads the nation as well as the PSAC in rebounding. Nicknamed "Mr. Windex" for grabbing rebounds off the glass backboards, Culver hauls down over 13 rebounds a game. Culver has also compiled a school record of 20 double-doubles (points-rebounds) on the season.

Not only can Culver grab rebounds, he can shoot. Culver is ranked ninth in the PSAC in scoring and seventh in the PSAC in field goal percentage. He also dishes out almost three assists per game and is ranked fifth in the PSAC in blocks.

Culver has been named PSAC Player of the Week three times.

Woseley, Judson, and Culver have been nominated as All-American candidates for this season.

Combined with these three powerhouses is a solid line-up and bench.

Tommy Harvey, a freshman guard, has turned the PSAC on its ear. He has been named numerous times as the PSAC Rookie of the Week, both for his slashing quickness to the basket and his outstanding defense.

Harvey has played in every game for the Mounties this year. He has compiled an impressive 310 points



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The 1996-97 Mansfield Mountaineer men's basketball team are ranked 10th nationally in Division II. They have also set a single season scoring record.

with his 45% shooting effectiveness from the field. He is also more than capable from the perimeter, shooting 40% from beyond the three-point line.

Steve Shannon, a 6'7" sophomore forward, is another important cog in the Mounties' scheme. Shannon has compiled 368 points this season and grabbed 193 rebounds.

Kevin Perluk, Bryan Zarzedez, and Damoun Lopez also contribute to the Mountaineers' effort from the bench.

Six Mounties reached double figures last Tuesday night in their win over Edinboro. Woseley's 30 points led the Mountaineer's effort followed by Culver's 19.

Shannon and Judson tossed in 18 points apiece and Zarzedez added 12 more. Harvey rounded out the scoring with 11 points.

Harvey started the night off by dropping in a lay-up. The Mounties never looked back and never trailed for the rest of the game.

In the first 12 minutes of the

first half, the Mountaineers outscored the visitors 26-12. This trend continued throughout the first half. Mansfield led 65-38 at the half and then coasted through the second half.

"We lost our intensity a little when we got up so much midway through the second half and that's not something we can do on the weekend," Ackerman said.

Edinboro hung around throughout the second half but never really managed to threaten the Mountaineers lead. The closest the Fighting Scots got was 117-103 at the end of the game.

The Mounties' 117 points ties the PSAC record set by the California University of Pennsylvania against Cheyney in 1988.

Mansfield will face California this Friday at Decker Gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. Clarion will play Cheyney at 6:00 p.m. that same night. The winners will play each other on Saturday night to determine the PSAC title. Whoever wins will have an automatic NCAA Tournament berth.

The Women's NBA to hold elite draft

NEW YORK (AP) — The WNBA, the NBA-sponsored women's basketball league, will hold an elite draft Thursday with the spotlight on oldtimers Nancy Lieberman-Cline and Lynette Woodard.

The Utah Starzz will get the first pick in the two-round draft followed by the Cleveland Rockers, Charlotte Sting, New York Liberty, Houston Comets, Sacramento Monarchs, Phoenix Mercury and Los Angeles Sparks.

With many of the 1996 U.S. Olympic gold medalists playing in the rival American Basketball League or already signed by the WNBA, the emphasis will be on foreign players when the eight franchises begin drafting players.

Among those already signed from the U.S. team are Lisa Leslie, the captain and leading scorer, as well as Ruthie Bolton-Holifield, Rebecca Lobo and Sheryl Swoopes. They have been assigned to WNBA teams.

The WNBA also has signed Janice Lawrence Braxton, Vicky Bullett, Cythia Cooper, Jennifer Gillom, Bridgette Gordon and Theresa Weatherspoon, all gold medal winners in previous Olympics, as well as Australian Michele Timms, whose team took Olympic bronze at Atlanta.

The eight franchises are all in NBA cities and will begin its 10-week season on June 21.

Among those eligible for Thursday's draft are Lieberman-Cline, the first American women's star. She was a member of the 1976 U.S. Olympic team, a three-time all-American, has played with men in summer leagues and was inducted last year into the basketball Hall of Fame.

Coach apologizes for racial remark

SEWICKLEY, Pa. (AP) An ex-track coach hugged a girl's parents after apologizing for suggesting the Ku Klux Klan would visit her house if she did not join his team.

The girl's father is black, and her mother is white.

"I, in no way, meant to harm her," Ken Johns said about his recent remark at Quaker Valley High School near Pittsburgh. "It was a careless remark, teasing among children. I should not have done it."

Johns, who also is the mayor of Sewickley, spoke at a school board hearing on Tuesday night.

The girl's father, Loren Harris, accepted Johns' apology. Then he and his wife, Sharon, exchanged hugs with Johns and his wife, Barbara, and several people applauded.

The 15-year-old girl's name has not been revealed.

Johns, 59, resigned his coaching position on Feb. 18. About a week earlier, Johns had approached the Harris' daughter about joining the track team.

When the girl said she would rather remain a cheerleader, Johns told her, "If you don't go out for track, I'm going to send the Ku Klux Klan up to your front lawn," said Harris.

On Tuesday night, Johns said it was time to move forward.

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MU Student Web pages cause debate over First Amendment rights

by Katie Long
staff reporter

Mansfield University administrators and students face cyber-censorship beginning possibly as early as this semester on student web pages after questionable material was removed from one student's site.

Richard Bartolucci, an MU student whose personal web page, which contained some adult material, was moved after administrators noticed the material.

Although the material present was not illegal, administrators suggested it be moved. It has since been linked from the student web page to another site containing an adult warning.

Bartolucci could not be reached for comment.

The issue was brought before the Student Government Association during a meeting earlier this month in an attempt to cleanse the student-run web pages.

Dr. Joseph Moore, MU Provost, said that the issue was not censorship but legality.

"It's a pretty clear cut issue," Moore said.

He also stated that there was a gray area concerning what would be considered indecent because not everyone can agree on what qualifies as indecent.

Moore emphasized that MU helps students find their voices and that universities have to be careful about restricting anyone's constitutional rights. However, he said it is different when dealing with illegal materials.

"It would be unfortunate to have a student prosecuted if he didn't know [it was illegal]," Moore said.

Rustin Kreider, Student Web Director, said that he has not seen any illegal materials on the student web server.

"I am personally not aware of any illegal material residing on the student web server," said Kreider.

Kreider also commented that the Student Web was run and funded by students, so it should also be governed by the students.

"It [the Student Web pages] should be students exercising control over each other," Kreider said.

If a formal complaint is filed, a procedure would be followed to deal with it, according to Kreider. He added that no formal complaints have been

filed regarding improper material.

The current complaint procedure is split up into three levels.

Level one makes a student aware that a complaint was made and provides the student with the option to take action regarding the material.

The second level involved blocking the page from the public until a committee could decide if the material needed to be removed, and the last level was for unresolved instances. In these cases, the MU Cabinet would make the final decision.

The Student Web's content statement, accessible via the Student Web pages, states, "The Student Web does not censor the content of pages posted by account holders who choose to take part in the Student Web unless the material posted is clearly illegal."

It also stated that the purpose of the Student Web was to educate, and, "It is the practice of the Student Web to support our account holders constitutional rights to freedom of expression."

A disclaimer on a different page added that the information and opinions found on the Student Web were not necessarily shared by MU or the rest of the Student Web participants.

In order for a student to be permitted to have a page on the web, the student must read the guidelines and agree to abide by them. The student had to assume full responsibility for his pages and the information on them. The application that must be signed by the student also removes the Student Web of any liability from supporting the student's account.

"There is no formal monitoring procedure," said Kreider.

He did emphasize, though, that there were disclaimers and agreements that the students had to sign and understand before they could have an account. He stressed that as long as there was nothing illegal and no formal complaint was made the pages would remain intact.

If a formal complaint was made, discussions would follow to determine what was to be done. The Student Web decides appropriateness and is responsible for final decisions.

"Policies are in place. As far as I am concerned, everything is fine and dandy," Kreider said.

Kreider also stated that a new policy would probably be made to deal with future instances, but he added that the volume of student pages has increased and policing them is becoming

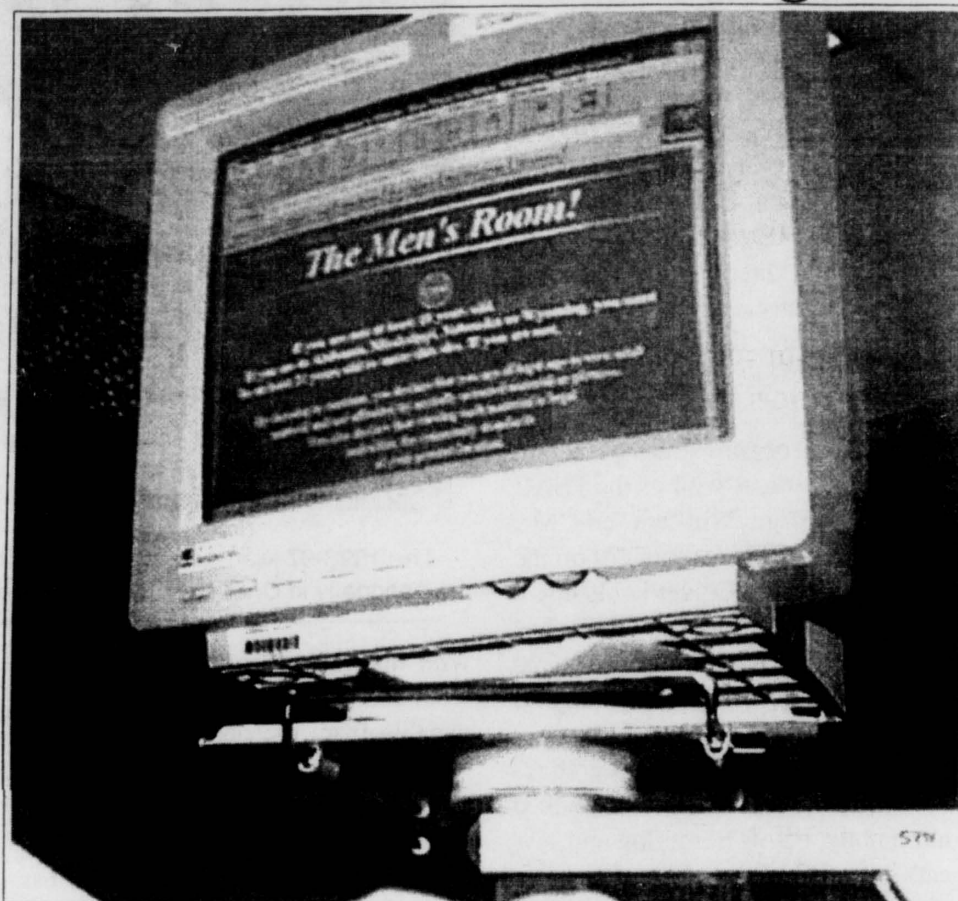


photo by Brent McCallus

Students' access to adult links, like the one shown above, via a Mansfield University Student Web page may face changes by administrators.

impossible.

"I occasionally go through and look at the pages with the highest number of visits. Now, there are more and more student pages," he said, "and each page has so many links, someone would have to be paid full time to look at every page and every link."

Opinions about what material should be posted on individual policies were mixed, but most students agree that it is the students' right to put anything they want on their page.

Bill Boess, a senior Business major, has a web account and agreed that students have the right to post whatever they want.

"They have the right to put anything on their web pages. If I don't like the things on those pages, I just don't look at them," Boess said.

He also said that, "It is student run. I think the students should have a right to monitor it."

Kreider noted that the pages are not a reflection of the University.

"A person's web page is only a reflection upon themselves and a reflection of the character of the person who posted the page," Kreider said.

He also stated that, "I might not agree with a person putting up pornography, etc., but it's not my place to judge what they may or may not post as long as it is legal. If you are warned and continue [viewing suspected pornography],

you have no right to complain."

Other students opinions were mixed about controversial materials being posted on the Student Web.

"I don't think its that bad for college students [to post pornography]," said Bobbi Hollenback, sophomore.

The issue of student's free speech involves more than University policy. Essentially, students agree that it is about maturity.

"I think they should be more mature about it," said Thuong Lam senior.

Two presentations concerning the issues of pornography and free speech on the web will be held next week.

On Tuesday, March 4 at 3:30 pm, a lecture entitled "Sex, Laws and Cyberspace" will be presented in North Dining Room. Mark Mangan, author and internet specialist, will be discussing legal aspects of free speech on the internet.

A forum called "Should There Be Restrictions on Materials You Can Post/View on the MU Servers?" will be held Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 pm in North Dining Hall. Panelists will be discussing whether or not restrictions should be imposed on what may be posted and viewed on the MU web.

Students with complaints should submit them to the Student Web at: mustuweb@wheat.mnsfld.edu.

Calendar

Saturday, March 1, 1997

3 pm Symphonic Band Concert in Steadman Theatre

Safe Spring Break program, "Rave" in Allen Lecture Hall

8 pm Sigma movie, "Matilda", at Zanzibar

MAC movie, "Ransome", in Allen Hall

Sunday, March 2, 1997

3 pm Safe Spring Break Program, "Sexual Assault vs Consent" in Allen Lecture Hall

7 pm Concert Wind Ensemble

Steadman Theatre

8 pm MAC movie, "Ransome", in Allen Hall

Monday, March 3, 1997

7 pm "Liquor Control Enforcement" in Allen Lecture Hall

7:30 pm Special MAC program:

"I am that I am: Woman, Black" starring Adilah Barnes in Steadman Theatre

Tuesday, March 4, 1997

10 am & 3 pm "Eyes on the Prize: Episode 1-Awakenings"

1 pm Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center

3:30 pm MU Lecture Series, SEX, Law and Cyberspace in North Dining Hall.

7:30 pm Budget Information Meeting in Allen Lecture Hall

Wednesday, March 5, 1997

Mid Semester grades due today

10 am & 3pm "Eyes on the Prize: Episode 2-Keys to the Kingdom"

4 pm Men's Recreational softball entry deadline in G10 Decker

7 pm Safe Spring Break Program, "Rohypnol and GHB: Drugs of Abuse" in Allen Lecture Hall

Thursday, March 6, 1997

1 pm International Discussion Hour in MLK Center

Friday, March 7, 1997
10 pm Spring Break begins. Orchestra tour continues

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University water supply recently contaminated

By Gene Yager
 Managing editor

On Thursday, March 6th, the results of a filter plant performance evaluation conducted by the Department of Environmental Protection showed that two contaminants were present in Mansfield University's drinking water.

As a result of the contaminants, a campus-wide water boil advisory was issued on the same day.

"The water advisory went out on March 6th which was when the results came back and we realized there was a problem," said Dan Spadoni, community relations coordinator for the department of environmental protection, North Central regional office.

According to Spadoni, the two contaminants present in the water were Crypto Sporidium and Giardia.

"They (the contaminants) normally would get into the water through either the stool of warm blooded animals

or human sewage," Spadoni said. "They are both intestinal parasites"

"It (the evaluation) is something that we do on an irregular basis," Spadoni added.

According to Sue McConnell, a parasitic specialist in at the center for disease control and prevention in Atlanta Georgia, a person can get Giardiasis by swallowing a Giardia cyst, the infectious stage of the parasite.

Although the campus clinic issued a statement saying that they have not seen anyone on campus whom they know got sick from the water, Spadoni said that illnesses could have occurred.

"The potential was there to get ill," Spadoni said.

According to McConnell, symptoms usually appear one to two weeks after infection, and include diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and nausea. Symptoms may last from four to six weeks.

Despite the water problems,

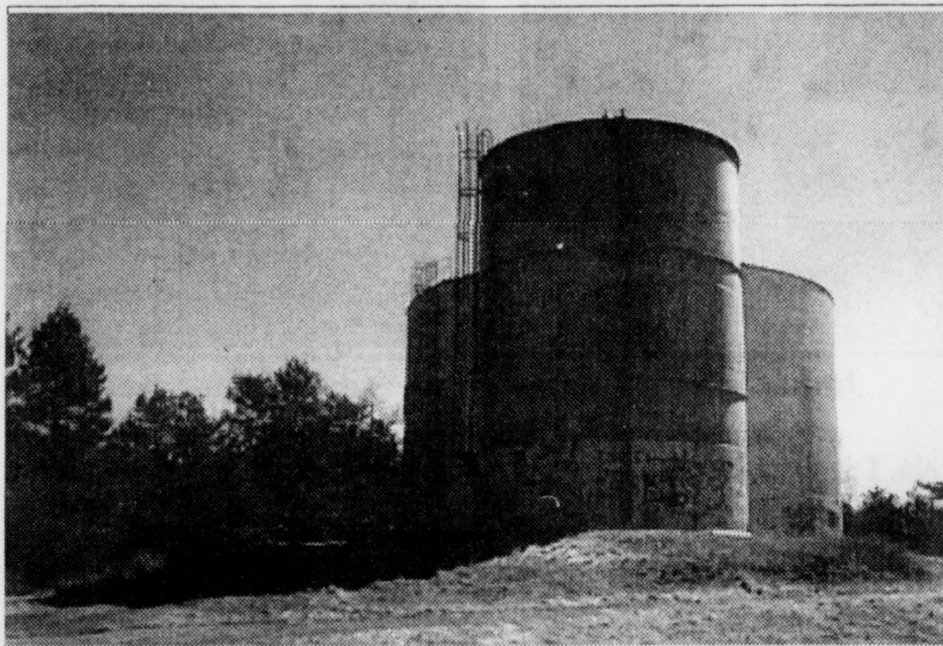


photo by Megan Sallade

The water tanks that provide water to Mansfield University. A boil advisory was put into effect before spring break due to contamination.

Richard Anderson, director of dining services, said that it was business as usual at the cafeteria.

"We prepared crystal light and Lipton teas with spring water," Anderson
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James Earl Jones to speak at MU

*Renowned actor
 will give address
 on March 26*

By Darren A. Meehan
 news editor

Star of stage and screen, James Earl Jones will give an address at Mansfield on Wednesday March 26, in Decker Gymnasium at 8pm to benefit MU's general scholarship fund. The address was originally planned for April but was rescheduled due to conflicts in the actor's schedule.

The revised schedule has Jones delivering an address in Decker Gym at 8pm. Beforehand, he will be the guest of honor at a Scholarship Dinner in Manser Hall from 6-7:30 pm. Tickets for the dinner cost \$25 and include admission to the address. MU students with ID get in free to the address and all other tickets are \$5.

Dr. Vernon Lapps of the communications department, an acquaintance of Jones and one of the driving forces behind his appearance here, said the original date was changed because Jones is filming a movie elsewhere. Lapps has known Jones since college but hasn't seen him in years.

According to Lapps, he and Jones met at the University of Michigan, where the two lived across the hall from one another. Lapps recalls a young man different from the confident one of today.

"At first, he was a pre-med major and he was very quiet and I didn't get to know him real well," Lapps recalls. "Later, when he changed to theater, we spent some time together. My junior year, his senior year, we were very close friends."

Lapps cites playing opposite Jones in a play about racial tension called "Deep are the Roots" as being about the time they



photo provided

Actor James Earl Jones will be speaking at Mansfield University on March 26.

became good friends.

The play is structured around tension between a black Lieutenant and a Senator who, in Lapps' words, is a "typical southern 'gentleman'."

In the play, Lapps says, "the Lieutenant thinks the war will change all the prejudices and the problems. He tries to change things and eventually begins dating the

senator's daughter. He believes he has to speak out because he is educated."

Lapps also recalls his own attitudes about the play.

"I didn't like the play and I didn't want to be in it. It was selected for James Earl because there weren't many good

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Student Union may be completed in next two years

■ Administrator says funding issue will determine future of Alumni Hall

By Joey West
 Staff reporter

Plans for the conversion of Alumni Hall into a Student Union facility are coming closer to fruition with possible completion in the next year or two, according to Joe Maresco, vice president for student affairs.

Alumni Hall is scheduled to become a new "Student Leadership Center," Maresco said, adding "We'd like to be in the building sometime during the '98, '99 academic year."

Currently the university is negotiating with the architects involved in the project about the exact scope of the building's renovation.

"We are going to scale the project to meet our available cost, so we have to be practical in that respect," Maresco said. "By the end of this semester we will have a better idea of what our cost will be."

The project, first planned in 1989, would have originally cost an estimated \$1.5 million. But with time, the cost of the project has increased due to inflation, Maresco said.

"We are working right now with the architects to review the preliminary cost projection. The dilemma is we only have so much money for the project," Maresco said. "We think we got a good firm ... The firm (MU is) in the process of hiring did the renovation of Clarion University's student center and they have an excellent building now."

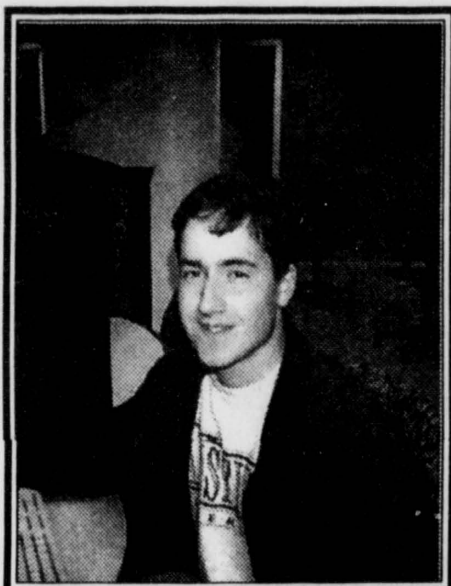
Alumni Hall, which formerly housed the MU library, has 28,000 square feet available. Memorial Hall, which houses the student union and the offices of many student organizations, has only 17,000 square feet available.

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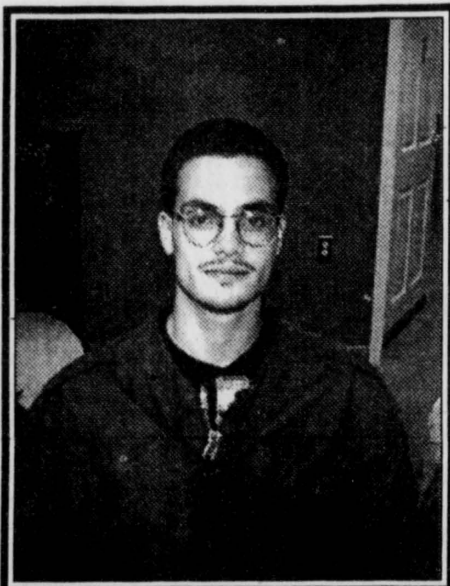
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"Now that the boil advisory has been removed do you feel safe drinking the water?"



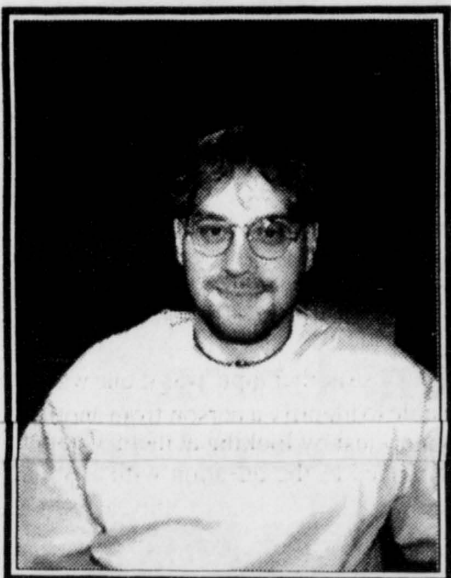
James Moyer
sophomore

"No, I never have. When are they going to do something about the lead?"



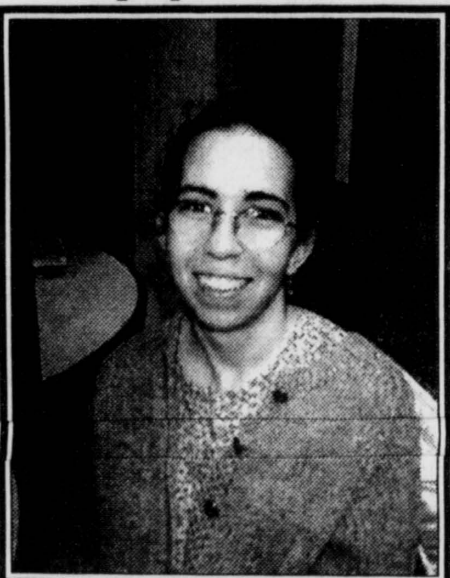
Wilson Santiago
junior

"Yeah, I feel safe. But they should find a better way to let people know."



Mike Litzenberger
sophomore

"No, I don't like drinking animal poop."



Marla Bastone
senior

"I still feel skeptical about it."

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said. "Anything else we used boiled water for."

According to Anderson, all food prepared from the sixth through the eighth of the month was prepared with boiled water, and all fruit was washed with spring water.

"It is just one of those things that happens," Anderson said of the wa-

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Maresco said the need for the renovation arose because, "We want try to do a better job of accommodating our organization's."

The university currently has "about 90 clubs and organizations," he added.

Also, Memorial Hall, when originally built, was just phase one of a three phase project to create a center for student activities. The second and third phase entailed tearing down North Hall and adding onto Memorial Hall to make a super-student union building.

But, since plans to demolish North Hall were vetoed, Memorial Hall never reached its full potential, Maresco said.

He added that the conversion of Alumni Hall into a student center will be fairly uncomplicated because of the structure of the building.

"(Alumni Hall) was originally built with large open spaces inside," he said. "We won't have to do a lot of demolition, because there aren't a lot of walls to begin with, so it's a perfect building to renovate into a student center, for a student union."

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roles for black men," Lapps continued. "But I learned a lot from playing the senator. It was difficult, but we both believed things were going to change. That's when we got to be close friends."

Lapps said that he has always valued his friendship with Jones and helped the process of selecting him as a speaker for the fund raiser.

"I can get a hold of him fairly easily, but he is very busy. Most of the time when we get together, it's a surprise," Lapps said. "The last time I saw him was when I went to Emerson College to a debate tournament. I had some free time so I looked him up in the phone book."

The phone book is a logical place to look for a man whose voice represents Bell Atlantic Yellow Pages and the CNN network as well as countless roles in films, television and theater.

On television, Jones' roles have included parts on L.A. Law, Highway to Heaven and Gabriel's Fire, where he had a starring role. Movies like *A Family Thing*, *Field of Dreams* and *Patriot*

ter warning. "It is a no fault situation."

Although there is no guarantee that the contamination will not return, according to Spadoni, improvements must be made to the current filtration system.

According to McConnell, if a person suspects that they have Giardiasis, or Crypto Sporidium they should be checked out by a health care provider immediately.

Maresco added that "there will be some tearing down and building, but we are hoping to minimize it (to keep cost down)."

University students will be included in the planning process, according to Maresco.

"Students who are here will have an opportunity through representation in the planning process to have input in the project," he said. "If there ideas are good they will be incorporated."

Some of the organizations and facilities that will be housed in Alumni Hall will be a new book store, the Flashlight office, the Mansfield Activities Council, the Student Government Association, the Student Activities Offices, the Martin Luther King Center and a new commuter lounge.

In addition, there will be a large multi-purpose meeting room that will hold up to 200 people.

"Branded concepts," or possible additions may include popular chain food eateries, Maresco said. "We might bring in a Burger King ... more colleges are doing that," he said. "We would like to give students an additional (eating) choice."

Games also contain Jones, but it is his voice many will recognize.

In the recently re-released *Star Wars* Trilogy, Jones' dark side reemerged as the imposing and overwhelming Darth Vader. His voice is also used in the *Lion King* and select episodes of the *Simpsons*.

While many students plan to attend the event for an opportunity to see the celebrity, broadcasting freshman Marc Gyimesi is looking forward to learning technique.

"Right now, I'm in Voice and Articulation, so I'll be listening for vocal techniques," he said.

Dr. Sharon Carrish, public speaking professor, recognizes the special event and plans to use it to learn.

"I think opportunities like this don't come along often. I think he'll have some wonderful things to say and I think it is foolish not to take advantage," she said.

For more information on tickets to "An Evening With James Earl Jones" call the Office of Development at (717) 662 4292.

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Women's Arts and Culture Week begins Sunday

A concert, a women's open mike, and an MU women's art show highlight week

By Krissy Dennis
Features editor

In celebration of National Women's History Month, the Mansfield University Women's studies program is sponsoring the fourth annual Women's Arts and Culture week which will be held from March 23rd to March 27th.

According to Dr. Andrea Harris, co-chairman of the Women's Studies program, Women's Art and Culture week is one way to celebrate the work and art of women.

"We in Women's studies think of it as a way of celebrating our heritage," Harris said. "It brings to the community the great stuff that women do in their lives."

The week long performances present many different aspects of women's art and talent, Harris said.

"We try to touch on everything," she said.

Among the events planned are art exhibits, open mike readings, and two nights of discussions involving international women's perspectives and non-traditional students.

According to Harris, the week long festivities usually draw a large

Events schedule

Sunday, March 23

Music by Modern Women: A Concert

7:00 Steadman Theatre
Music by Keiko Abe, Emma Lou Diemer, and others.

1:00 Manser, old university gallery

Works by women from the MU community.
Exhibit open 1:00-4:00 Mon., 10:00-4:00 Tue. to Thurs.

Living, Working, Thinking: Non-traditional Women Students

6:00 Memorial 204
Discussion and potluck supper.

Monday, March 24

Vesta Women's Art Collective: Opening

12:00 North Hall Community Room
Work in various media by a group of local artists.
Exhibit open from 12:00- 2:00 Mon., 10:00-2:00 Tue. to Thurs.

Tuesday, March 25

International Women's Night

7:00 North Hall Traditional Reading Room
Global Perspectives from Russia, Egypt, and other countries.

Thursday, March 27

Writing Our Lives: A Reading of Women's Autobiography

3:30 North Dining Room
Featuring Mimi Bixby, Judith Sornberger, Louise Sullivan-Blum, and Kath Thompson.

Mansfield Women Artists: Opening

Wednesday, March 26

Women's Open Mike

3:00 204 Memorial Hall
A reading by women from the university and local community.

Parallel Lives

7:00 Straughn Hall
Comic vignettes on women's lives by Angelique L. Hawkes and Susan Guinte'

crowd. About 85 people attended a poetry reading given last year given by Dr. Judith Sornberger, English and Women's Studies professor.

The week long festivities are coordinated and sponsored by the Women's studies Steering committee, which is made up of Women's Studies

minors and faculty from various departments, Harris said.

"A lot of people have tremendous input," she said.

Discussion focuses on multicultural identity issues

By Joey West
Staff reporter

The topic of the International Discussion Hour held Thursday concerned multicultural identity and cultural and societal conflicts. with Annie

Cooper of the Multi Cultural Affairs office as the facilitator. The topic of the meeting was

The discussion, which was facilitated by Annie Cooper of the Multi-Cultural Affairs office and was attended by MU students from countries such as Bangladesh, Liberia and India.

The purpose of this weeks discussion was, how people view others who are different. A couple of questions that arose from Cooper where, "What is Cultural?", and "What is society?"

One student from Bangladesh answered that society consists of "Our beliefs, and the way we behave in soci-

ety."

Another topic was if one would be able to identify a person from another country just by looking at them. Cooper responded to the question with another question, "Is it societal identity, and what

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Scam practiced over phone lines, E-mail and Internet

By Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

"You really don't know where you're calling"

William Phillips
MU
communications manager

Imagine. You get home from class and there's a message on your answering machine that says your grandfather is in the hospital. You're instructed to call a phone number in the 809 area code to find out about your stricken family member.

The next thing you know, you're slapped with a large phone bill for a call that told you nothing.

Phone scams are nothing new and the National Fraud Information Center has recently identified a new telephone scam affecting people nationwide and they want MU students to know about it to prevent this type of situation from happening to them.

According to the NFIC, people are reportedly receiving messages on their answering machines and pagers that are supposedly regard-

ing important information. These people are then instructed to call a phone number in the 809 area code.

This scam is also being practiced over E-mail and the Internet.

"The 809 area code is in the Caribbean and since it covers the whole area calling there is really a crap shoot," said William Phillips, MU telecommunications manager. "You really don't know where you're calling."

According to campus police one student on campus received the scam message on her answering machine but did not call the number back and instead reported to the police.

According to NFIC, when these people call the number provided they are kept on the phone as long as they can by a number of different techniques. Then, when their phone bill comes, they find a charge for a large sum of money, sometimes as large as \$2,400.

"They (the people running the scam) will go to great lengths to keep you on the

phone," Phillips said. "You will think you're talking to someone when you're actually talking to a recorded message or they will speak to you in broken English."

According to Phillips, measures are being taken to prevent this scam from continuing but not much can be done.

"Each individual country in the Caribbean is in the process of getting their own area code which would round down where you're calling," Phillips said. "We have very little latitude in our ability to curve or control this because it's an international situation."

Educating the people about this scam is really the only way to prevent this from happening to other people.

"It's really a matter of consumer education," Phillips said. "If you get any phone call without an identification that tells you to call a phone number in the 809 area code, don't call it."

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MU film and lecture series features *I Shot Andy Warhol*

By Thomas A. Jones
Staff reporter

On Thursday the Mansfield University Film and Lecture Series presented the film "*I Shot Andy Warhol*" in Allen Lecture Hall. The movie centered around the events leading up to the shooting of famed artist Andy Warhol by radical feminist Valerie Solonas.

Discussion following the movie was led by professor Andrea Harris of the English and Women's Studies department.

Immediately preceding the movie, Harris warned viewers of the film's strong sexual content and reality based.

"The movie, as most of you

know, is based on real events ... It is a pretty wild film, and it's also very interesting so I hope you enjoy it," said Harris.

According to the movie flyer "*I Shot Andy Warhol*" is "the engagingly bizarre (and true) story of early radical feminist Valerie Solonas, the would be assassin of pop artist Andy Warhol."

The movie began with the attempted assassination of Andy Warhol by Solonas, who began the feminist organization known as SCUM (the Society for Cutting Up Men).

The movie then cuts back to points throughout Solonas' life, contrasting her homosexuality with her career as a prostitute as well as spotlighting her interests in both feminism and revolution. The film also portrays her

inevitable fall into insanity and her obsession with Warhol, who finds her interesting at first but soon becomes scared by her lapses into anger.

"It's a fictional movie based on fact," Harris said, stating that while the film contained many overtones of feminism, that the film is "about someone on the edge, not about feminism."

By the end of the film, Solonas is clearly not in control of her mental state. This mental disturbance leads to her attempted murder of Andy Warhol, someone with whom she both identifies with and feels betrayed and shunned by.

"There are a lot of scenes that contrast her (Valerie) and Andy Warhol. A contrast between the two subcultures (feminism subculture and the Warhol

culture)," Harris said. "If there was a boundary (between the Warhol repertoire and Solonas), Andy seems to be the least resistant."

Professor John Ulrich of the English Department, said "She (Valerie) just seemed to be so isolated from everything."

"At the end, she tries to make contact with other people and it has disastrous consequences," concluded Harris.

Regarding the movie, junior Barbara Ambers said, "This is the second time I've seen it. I loved it." She also mentioned being a big fan of Andy Warhol's work.

English professor Edward Washington said of the movie, "It was interesting and thought provoking with some very strong acting performances."

MU considering replacing current campus shuttle system

By Joey West
Staff reporter

Mansfield University is currently talking with the Endless Mountain Transit Authority about the company providing shuttle services for MU students.

According to Vice President of Student Affairs Secretary Joanne Creeley, EMTA would replace the current shuttle system consisting of a university-owned van driven by a student worker from the campus police station. The van patrols campus seven days a week from 8 pm to midnight (until 2 am if possible) picking up students needing transportation to and from student parking lots and campus buildings.

"It goes to all the parking lots, and past all the dorms," said Linda Wood, a student driver for the school.

EMTA is a shuttle service that operates in northern Pennsylvania and southern New York State. Under a tentative agreement the company, in addition to picking up the current responsibilities of the student van, the service will provide students transportation to the Arnot Mall in Big Flats, N.Y., and anywhere in between.

Many students feel EMTA would be a good alternative to the current system.

"(The current van drivers) don't pick you up enough and they fly right by you. And they almost hit me, it was pretty close," said Steven Holmips, a freshman.

Another freshman, Allison Miranda, likes the current shuttle system but would like to see some changes.

"Well, I think it is useful," Miranda said. "I think it should start running earlier than it does."

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police and safety services, people should always check into any phone number they are told to call that they don't recognize.

ognize.

"It takes only a few minutes to check the phone book to see where an area code is," Collier said.

Police Beat

03/02/97

02:23 Assisted with fight in progress at Mark's Brothers.

19:25 Complaint of harassment.

03/03/97

10:40 Revocation of parking decal.

23:10 Criminal mischief. Vehicle in A-lot with broken rear window.

03/04/97

12:13 Instrument reported missing from Butler Center.

14:04 Report of harassing phone calls.

22:25 Disorderly conduct in Cedarcrest Hall.

03/05/97

00:02 Unauthorized person in building.

08:45 Assisted Mansfield Borough Police Department. Report of several youths going through cars located in rear parking lot at Mansfield High School.

03/06/97

15:33 Complaint of harassment.

03/07/97

14:38 Vehicle tampered with while parked in T-lot.

18:33 Officer requested assistance at Extension St. with an uncooperative subject. Arrived on scene and assisted.

03/09/97

07:40 Dorm rooms open in Maple A. Notified Maple GA. Checked rooms and they were secured by the GA.

03/10/97

16:20 Requested to assist officer with unruly subject on South Main St. Arrived on scene and assisted taking control of suspect. Remained on scene until the situation was resolved.

03/11/97

08:45 Building entered and equipment cabinets forcibly entered. Tools taken.

03/17/97

09:50 Vehicle blocking dumpster.

03/18/97

08:00 Report of gun in the bed of pickup truck parked on Wilson St. Weapon turned out to be a BB gun.

19:30 Complaint of harassment.

03/19/97

05:25 Possible burglary at health clinic.

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at 8 pm in Zanzibar
"She's The One"
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Pennsylvania in the news

Union rallies against liquor store proposal

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge's proposal to sell the 655 Wine & Spirits Shoppes and take Pennsylvania out of the liquor business is drawing fire from organized labor.

About 100 union representatives participated in a rally on Monday at the Capitol to voice their opposition to the plan, which will be unveiled in detail on Wednesday.

The issue is about jobs as much as anything else, according to Wendell W. Young III, president of a United Food & Commercial Workers state council. The state liquor system employees could lose their jobs if the state stores are divested, he said.

"These are good jobs paying family-

sustaining wages, and that's what everyone in our society wants," he said.

The average annual full-time salary for an employee of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board is about \$24,000, according to union figures. Labor organizations say wages could plummet as low as \$6 an hour for a part-time clerk at a liquor store if the stores are sold to private industry.

Ridge and his supporters believe customers would be better served if competition were injected into the liquor business.

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board decides which brands of alcohol are sold and at what prices, when stores are open and where they are located.

Convicted murderer sues state Corrections Dept.

HARRISBURG (AP) — A convicted murderer whose early release and subsequent crime spree helped decide the outcome of Pennsylvania's last gubernatorial race is suing the state Corrections Department for \$1 million.

Reginald McFadden, who is serving an extended sentence in a New York state prison for rape, robbery and murder, alleges that Pennsylvania officials failed to treat his "psychological wounds" while he was incarcerated here.

The lack of treatment "may have contributed to the death of a number of innocent people," he said in a handwritten, 13-page lawsuit that was filed last week in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

The lawsuit charges Corrections Commissioner Martin Horn and six other past and present prison officials with "gross negligence." It seeks \$1.05 million in damages, or \$150,000 from each of the seven defendants.

Corrections Department spokesman Roger Baumgarten declined to comment on the lawsuit, which was filed Thursday in Scranton. Gov. Tom

Ridge's press secretary, Tim Reeves, learned about the suit Tuesday from a reporter.

McFadden was released from a Pennsylvania prison in July 1994, after serving 24 years of a life sentence for killing a Philadelphia woman. Gov. Robert Casey commuted McFadden's sentence on the recommendation of the state pardons board.

One of the board members who voted for commutation on was Mark Singel, the lieutenant governor and Democratic nominee for governor who was running against Republican Ridge.

In October 1994, a month before the election, McFadden was arrested in New York on charges stemming from crimes committed since he was released in Pennsylvania. He eventually was convicted of separately murdering a man and a woman, and the rape and robbery of another woman.

The McFadden case quickly became a political lightning rod, and Ridge successfully used it to his advantage in defeating Singel, who now is chairman of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party.

Federal judge sentences woman to serve time in her own home

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A federal judge has ruled that a pregnant woman who testified against crooked financier Michael Carlow and pleaded guilty to bank fraud may serve her year-and-a-day sentence at home.

U.S. District Judge Donald E. Ziegler agreed Tuesday with prosecutors that a prison term could endanger Mary Jeanne Nobers and her unborn child, due Aug. 30.

The judge decided that after Nobers is released from a hospital, she must be confined to her home for one year and perform eight hours a week of volunteer service for four years.

Nobers, 36, of McMurray, Washington County, was sentenced Jan. 31 and entered a hospital soon after. Prosecutors asked Ziegler to suspend her sentence because she is pregnant and suffers from depression. She continues to cooperate with the investigation of Carlow associates.

Nobers wrote billions of dollars worth of bad checks as an accountant for Carlow. She later testified against Carlow for his check-kiting scheme, which defrauded PNC Bank of \$31 million. Carlow was convicted last year of bank fraud and other charges and sentenced to eight years in prison.

Ridge will select new state court nominee

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge has been forced to choose a new nominee for the Supreme Court after the law professor he selected asked that his name be taken out of consideration.

John A. Maher raised eyebrows and stirred controversy in the state's legal community after his nomination was announced in October by suggesting that corrupt politicians deserve the death penalty.

Mahe's selection was never acted on by the Senate, which must approve all appointments to the Supreme Court, and the nomination died at the end of the last legislative session in November. Maher asked Ridge not to submit his name again for the court position, which remains vacant.

A new justice will be selected by voters in November. Candidates have filed for the Democratic and Republican primaries, to be held in May.

Ridge spokesman Tim Reeves said Tuesday that Ridge felt Maher was a well-qualified candidate for the Supreme Court and would have made a good justice. But the governor acquiesced to Maher's wishes and will not submit his name again, Reeves said.

Ridge has another candidate in mind, Reeves said, but the spokesman declined to identify the person. Reeves also said he could not comment on Maher's reasons for withdrawing from consideration.

Mahe did not immediately return a telephone call for comment Tuesday to his office at the Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle.

On the day Ridge introduced Maher

as his choice for the Supreme Court seat, the former Dickinson law dean made comments some said were better suited to the law school lecture hall than to the courtroom.

Mahe said the American legal system often gives the death penalty for the wrong crimes. He said corrupt politicians deserved that punishment.

"I think the highest crime is the sale of office, and I am always offended as a citizen when I read about the sale of office being accompanied by a two-year probation," Maher said. "I'm not against capital punishment. I just think we should be more careful about what we give it for. The sale of office is an offense against the very existence of society."

The vacancy for which Maher was nominated came about with the resignation of Robert N.C. Nix Jr. as chief justice. The seat remains empty and any interim appointee would leave office in January.

It may be the timing of the vacancy, more than the politics or views of a nominee, that determines whether the seat is filled before the election.

Democratic senators, who have enough votes to block the approval of a nomination, feel the cost of appointing a justice and staffing and equipping an office would outweigh the benefits of having a full, seven-member court, said Senate Democrat spokesman Jack Freed.

The Democratic position after Maher was selected was to oppose the nomination. Freed said the position had not changed, to his knowledge.

Study finds corruption rampant in Philadelphia police departments

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A shiny police shield and pressed blue uniform once promised the near-mythical honesty and integrity of Superman. Whether pounding the pavement or testifying in court, police officers were expected to present the facts without fear or favor.

Not any more.

Two years of admissions that police robbed or framed suspects then lied to send them to jail has taken its toll on Philadelphia's justice system.

Jurors no longer believe Philadelphia's finest.

"Police officers don't automatically come into a court with a ticket to be believed," said public defender Bradley S. Bridge, whose office has pushed for the dismissal of 283 cases tainted by officers convicted of corruption.

"Maybe it's a loss of innocence, but it's a loss that should have happened a long time ago," Bridge said.

Confidence in Philadelphia's protectors has decayed since 1995, when the first of 12 officers were indicted on charges including robbing and framing suspects. Most were members of the 39th District, which operates in a high drug and crime zone in North Philadelphia.

A direct effect, some say, was the acquittal last week of two men accused of murdering jogger Kimberly Ernest. Jurors said there was not enough evidence to convict, despite signed confessions that were so detailed they even described the brand of sneakers the victim wore.

There also was a dearth of physical evidence. But observers said a key issue

was that the statements by defendants Herbert Haak and Richard Wise had been obtained by police.

"The jury has clearly rejected them (police) as believable," defense attorney Jack McMahon, who represented one of the men, said after the verdict last Friday. "Just as Haak and Wise were on trial, clearly those police officers were also."

Haak claimed police beat and tortured him for six hours until he agreed to sign a confession. He said several pages were blank and later filled in by officers with details of the murder.

Defendants who confess often claim police coercion, prosecutors say.

"The police corruption scandal involving the 39th district has made it more difficult to obtain convictions ... in all cases involving police testimony," First Assistant District Attorney Arnold Gordon said Monday.

Defense attorneys used their closing arguments to paint a picture of Philadelphia officers as "the dark side of the police force."

"This is far less than we would wish for from people in that position," said attorney Bernard Siegel. "Not that they are vicious people. Sometimes they think they are so right it doesn't matter what tactic they use as long as they get the person off the streets."

Philadelphia is not unique in being hit by corruption scandals. In recent years, similar scandals have occurred in New York City, suburban Chicago, New Orleans and Atlanta.

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Women's week a time for recognition

Since March is National Women's History month, it is time once again for the annual Women's Art and Culture week at Mansfield University. Why have a week dedicated totally to the creative work and art of women?

Well, the *Flashlight* believes that taking time to celebrate women's creativity is reason enough. This time gives both women, and men, a chance to gather and appreciate women's work. It also gives women a space of their own where they can relate to each other and express common ideas, views and experiences.

Historically men's creative work has been celebrated and well read, while the creative work of women was often accompanied by the pseudonym "anonymous."

There has been some question as to whether or not Women's Art and culture week is sexist. "Why can't men have their own culture week?" some ask. There is no reason why men could not form their own art and culture week. The whole idea is to celebrate your own work and share your thoughts and feelings.

It would be refreshing to see and hear men's work, and see them enjoy the time together to celebrate their own creativity. Just as there is a great admiration for the work of area women, the work of area men can also be appreciated.

Contrary to popular belief, men are not banned from performing at these events because they are not wanted there. It is simply because the events planned are supposed to lift up women's work for all to see. This exclusion of men from performing at the events is not saying that men's views are not wanted here. This just gives women their complete and own forum to come together and shine as one. As well, it provides a good forum for men to come and experience the views, thoughts and ideas that are wholly women's.

It's pretty sad that men feel they can not plan their own special celebrations without receiving ridicule from other groups, especially women.

It is ignorance by men to say if women get to have their own month then they should have their own month as well. Men fail to realize that the last ten thousand years have been "Man's Month."

Not all men throughout history have been suppressive or oppressive towards women. But men's ideas towards women in the past have not generally been, consciously or subconsciously, supportive towards the independence and expression of women and women's art and culture.

Although men did not show their best face in the past, times have changed and women's art and culture today has and will flourish and be celebrated by both men and women. Growing up in the 70's, 80's and 90's, it is odd for us to fathom that society's perception towards women was the way it was. For not long ago in the forties, the women substituted in the factories for the men who went to war and then were forced to leave those jobs to make way for the men. In a way those women were creating something and were then denied the credit they deserved.

After this, the men in society decided that the best role for women should be for them to go back into the homes cook meals with their new state of the art kitchen appliances, raise babies, and sit back and look pretty.

Women are not free from criticism here. Although there were many exceptions, women generally accepted society's primitive position for them. But today, in the 90's, as a benefit to us all, women's art and culture can and should be celebrated in a way that will make sure that both men and women will show and promote women, women's art, and women as equal yet unique in this crazy and wonderful world populated by women and men.



Cartoon was degrading to all

To the editor,

We would like to call attention to the comic strip (Da Comiks, January 31, 1997 issue of the *Flashlight*) on page 12.

We find the comic inappropriate, insensitive, and offensive toward the disabled, the poor, and all minorities, depicting them as devalued members of our community.

This is not appropriate message for creating a positive campus climate for diversity. We have students who are blind and disabled, and most are not affluent. The Presidents Advisory Board for Diversity (a committee made up of a broad cross section of the Mansfield community - faculty, students, administration

and staff, union, minorities, gender balance, etc.) feels that such characterization of any group is not appropriate in an academic setting. It only reinforces negative stereotyped images.

We are dismayed over what it seems the *Flashlight* is becoming/has become. It should not be used as a tool to bash certain groups or individuals.

Even more disturbing is the fact that these insults appeared in the same issue that promoted the Martin Luther King, Jr. International Relations Conference. Our guests from other universities and campuses may have been it, and drawn distorted conclusions about Mansfield.

It is not our intent to censor the paper. The *Flashlight* should, however, be thoughtful of, and sensitive to the needs and station of all its readership.

The President's Advisory Board for Diversity



The comic in question printed on January 31, 1997.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

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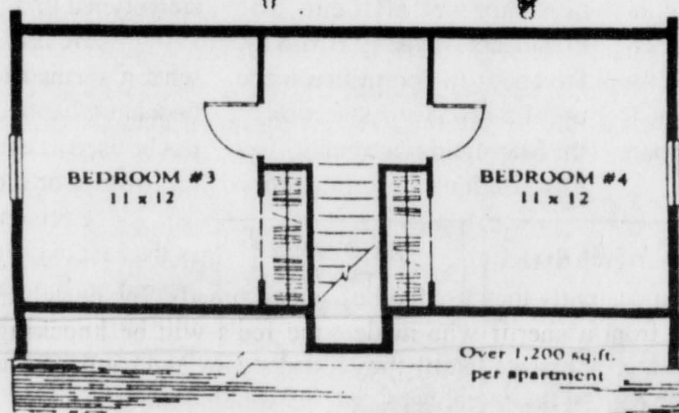
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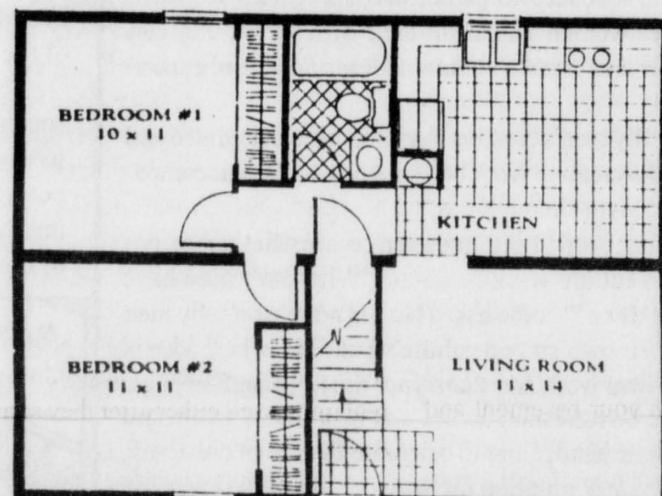
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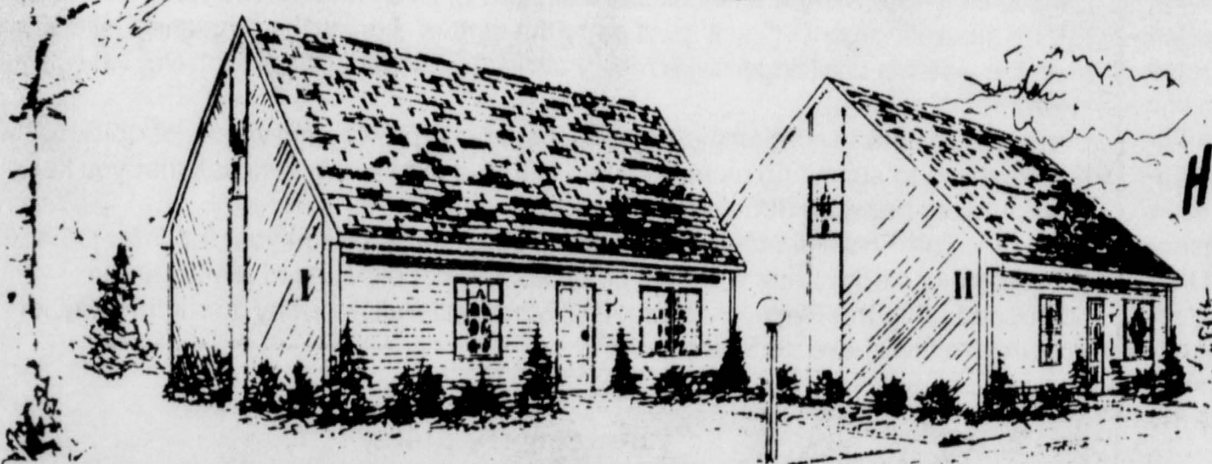


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Kreative Korner

Sweet summer daze and perfume in the air

by Josh Cusatis
editor in doors

For the past three years I have played witness to some of the most serene flowers and cancerous lungs in the jem of life. As I sit here with this polyester shield known as Mansfield holding me back for another year I can't help but think of nothing. There just isn't anything that can be all that inspiring about three thousand cataract minds breathing down my spine all of the time.

But I digress. I need a vacation. I know that spring break was a week ago and I do feel a bit hypocritical being that I'm decaying here in this chair with my vintage Huntington Beach shirt on and

the sweet fragrance of Kalifornia invading my senses. It's only been five long weeks since those four days of peace and low tolerance.

Thankfully, yesterday was the first day of spring and redemption is in sight. It's time to get out those Hawaiian shirts, plant some poppy flowers and invest in some lawn furniture.

Last year I had the good fortune to spend some time in Mansfield without any insidious responsibilities to hold me down in my enjoyment of the radiant warmth and honey sweet breeze. I'm not really an advocate of rotting your life away but it's nice to spend the entire day doing nothing. I mean that in the total void sense of the word.

I have to say that the weather has been teasing us for the past couple of weeks. We've all got the taste of the sun in our gluttonous mouths but the candy keeps getting stolen from our cribs.

Lately, my dreams have consisted of the desert and the Pyramids, lush riverbanks and the blinding sun, the sound of crickets and green leaves blown by the wind, sun dresses and open car windows, the open road and clear water, the neighbor's stereo and the feel of live grass.

I wake in the morning to the sun bleeding through the shades and forget that I have to wear a sweater when I go on my weary way to class at the ungodly time of early afternoon.

Don't tell me that I'm a hope-

less romantic. I'm just impatient. I feel like a man in the hospital with one of those IV units that the patient can use to administer their own doses of morphine. I've hit the button and I know the elixir is coming to kill my pain but it just isn't coming fast enough.

I know that the sweet dizziness of 71 degrees is on its way and I can see it on the horizon with every sunset that's clouded by the cold mist of Tioga county. So I'll get my water wings ready and dust off my recipes for margaritas and I'll see my dreams on my porch.

My eyes have grown heavy with sleep and I no longer have any caffiene to roll across my tongue. Good bye.

Herbal remedies aren't just for breakfast anymore

by Krissy Dennis
features editor

Did anyone happen to catch Peter Jennings' report on the growing of marijuana last week. I'm probably the only one who stayed in Pennsylvania over break, but that's okay because I kept on learning while the rest of you thought that you needed sun and fun.

Anyway, good old Pete took it upon himself to delve into the drug culture. That's right, the wonderful world of growing weed in your basement and making some extra bucks.

What was really kind of mind-

boggling were the two middle class people who were raising the weed to sell but had nobody to sell it to. They didn't smoke and they didn't know anyone who smoked it. What do they think they are going to do with all that weed?

This couple was so desperate, they even went to Holland (I think) to learn more from some expert over there and buy some premium seeds. They went to a convention put on by the magazine High Times and walked amongst their future clientele. They didn't seem real impressed either after they sampled a little too much.

Pete even traveled into the

depths of the jungles of Georgia to visit the farmers who were growing huge fields of it right along with their corn. These boys were not real scared of anything, including getting caught.

You have to see why this is so interesting to me. I live on a farm and my dad grows corn. Hmm? Come on, you know I'm kidding!!! I thought you people knew me.

Anyway, back to the down-home guys who seem to be living in their own world. Apparently they used to be under attack from a sheriff who made record amounts of arrests, until they fought the law and the law won (that was

sooo funny)! No really, these men were judged in court by their peers who, nine times out of ten were related to them. (No, that wasn't a reference to incest).

Another thing that did not make sense was the amount of federal money spent on trying to make arrests. If the program is not working well enough, why not put it where it can be used efficiently? How about some money for education, or the homeless?

Anyway, I've probably said too much already. The next thing you know the fed's will be knocking down my dad's door and hauling in grandma for questioning. Sorry Daddy.

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Brinker and Hawk just miss All- American honors



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Joel Brinker ended his senior season with a record of 36-8. He set a new Mountaineer record by pinning his opponents 13 times.

The Mansfield Mountaineer wrestling team finished 27th at the NCAA Division II Championships last Saturday at Fargo, North Dakota.

Two Mountie wrestlers, senior Joel Brinker and junior Steve Hawk, narrowly missed being awarded All-American honors. Both wrestlers were one win away from All-American status.

Brinker, Mansfield's 150 pounder, lost to the top seed of the tournament in the opening round. He was pinned, for the first time in his career, by Andy Reigstad of St. Cloud State, Minnesota.

Brinker then pinned Joe Veras of Ashland, Ohio, at the 3:40 mark. Brinker could not continue his battle through the losers bracket as he lost to Andy Hodgeson of Nebraska-Kearney, 2-1. Brinker's second loss came in sudden death overtime.

Brinker's 36 wins sets a new school record. He also holds the Mountie record for number of pins in a season with 13.

Hawk, 190 pounds, lost his first match as well. The loss came at the hands of Ryan Walters of North Dakota State 12-4. Hawk won his next match 12-4 against Jason Klingersmith of Pitt-Johnstown.

Hawk's next match was against second seeded Ross Johnson of Mankato, Minnesota. Hawk took Johnson to the mat in the first minute of the match. Johnson, however, successfully reversed the situation and pinned Hawk at 1:28.

Mountie Men end Spring training on good note

by Beth Hoobler
sports reporter

The Mansfield University men's baseball team managed to salvage a shaky start during their annual Florida trip by winning five out of their last seven games in a grueling twelve-game schedule.

The Mountaineers finished their Ft. Myers trip with a record of 5 wins, six losses, and one tie to start off their season.

"We didn't play as badly as the record indicates," said Head Baseball Coach Harry Hillson. "We just ran into some very good teams to start the season. This has probably been the toughest schedule in Florida we've had since I've been here, but we've learned a lot about ourselves and that will benefit us as the season goes on."

After going 0-5 in their first five contests, Mansfield turned it around and only lost one more game during the rest of the trip. They won their first game of the season on March 12, in a high-scoring game against Keene State, 13-10.

The Mounties drubbed Jamestown the next day, 12-0. Three Mountie pitchers combined to toss the no-hitter for the day.

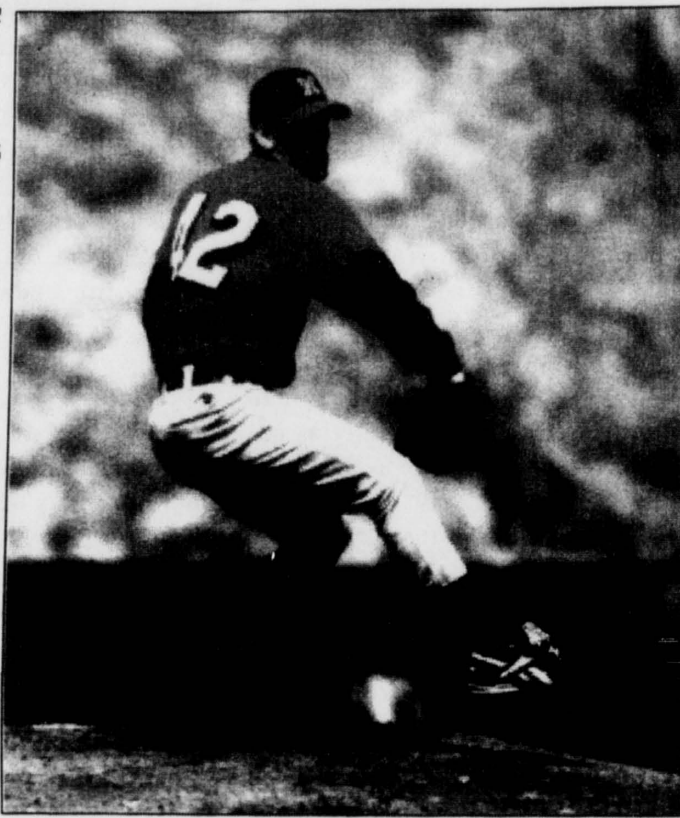


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Chris Zallie posts a 3.50 ERA and a 2-1 record so far this season. He has pitched 18 solid innings so far, including a complete game. He has struck out 15 batters.

The game that truly turned things around for the Mountaineers was their big win the very next day, March 14th. Mansfield won a close game over St. Joseph's (IND.) the ranked team in NCAA Division II baseball. year.

"That win over St. Joe's really did a lot for our confidence," Hillson said. "They (St. Joe's) were second in the nation last year, and really have an outstanding team."

Later on the same day, the Mounties won yet another game, this time against Beneditine. And on March 16, the Mounties concluded their annual spring road trip splitting the bill with Northern Colorado.

Senior Chris Zallie has been the most consistent pitcher on the rotation. He posts a 3.50 ERA and a record of 2-1. Zallie contributed to wins over both Jamestown and St. John's. As a starter, he has pitched a strong 18 innings, has one complete game, and has struck out 15.

Mountie men lose at championship tourney

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineer men's basketball team fell to the Concord Mountain Lions last Friday in the quarterfinals of the NCAA East regional championship tournament.

This year's record setting Mountaineer team dropped the game 111-96 to the sixth seeded Mountain Lions who hail from West Virginia.

It appeared that the Mounties had the game, played in Salem West Virginia, well in hand for the first four minutes of play. After Concord's Jenarold Curry scored the game's first two points on a lay-up, the Mountaineers built a 12-3 lead.

Sophomore forward Steve Shannon was a power in the first part of the opening half, crashing the boards and helping fellow Mountaineer Lawrence Culver to dominate the inside.

The Mountain Lions were forced to take a time-out just over two minutes into the game.

Not long after the time-out, Shannon picked up two quick fouls and Concord's Kelly Mann, a 6'3" point guard transfer from Virginia Tech, took control of the game.

Within four and a half minutes of Concord's time-out, Mann led the



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The Mansfield Mountaineers compiled a 26-4 season record. The 26 wins is the most victories of any Mountie basketball team. Mansfield ended their season ranked 10th in the nation in Division II basketball.

Mountain Lions to a 18-17 lead.

Concord then pushed their advantage to 26-21, but the Mounties rallied back behind Senior Kenny Woseley. The Mountaineers pulled ahead 32-26 with seven minutes left in the half. The lead was not long lived as Concord made another scoring run just four minutes before half-time.

Mann scored 11 of the Mountain Lions next 16 points. Mansfield could only manage four points during Concord's rally.

"Concord played an incredible game," said Mansfield Head Coach Tom Ackerman. "We could not control Mann and got into a hole that we could not get out of."

Mann led the Mountain Lions to an outstanding 64 percent made field goal average. Mann hit five three-pointers in the first half alone and scored 26 points. The only other Concord player in double figures at the half was center Sterling Pace who score 10 points.

The Mountaineers shot well at 45 percent from the floor but could not keep up with Concord.

Mansfield's 58-46 half-time deficit was the biggest they had faced all year long. Not only did Mansfield face a twelve point hole, three of the five starters, Shannon, Culver, and Woseley,

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had already incurred two fouls apiece.

Woseley picked up two more quick fouls in the first couple minutes of the second half. With Woseley in serious foul trouble and on the bench, freshman point guard Tommy Harvey tried to pick up the slack.

Judson did not manage a three-pointer the entire game. Harvey hit three shots beyond the arc.

This still was not enough as Mann and the Mountain Lions controlled the ball and the pace of the game until the end of the game. Judson fouled out with just under eight minutes left to play. He was followed almost immediately by Culver and Woseley.

With the senior trio of All-American candidates on the bench, the Mountaineers did not stand much of a chance of rallying against Concord.

At one point, the Mounties pulled to within 11 points, 68-59, on two Shannon free throws. This was as close as the Mountaineers would get.

The game ended with the Mountain Lions the victors, 111-96.

"This isn't the way we wanted to end the season," Ackerman said. "But, I could not be prouder of the way we played all season. Judson, Woseley, and Culver gave all of us a lifetime of memories and will be remembered for the year they gave us."

Harvey was the Mountaineer's game high scorer with 27 points. Shannon and Culver each added 17 points. Shannon pulled down 15 rebounds while Culver recorded his 23rd double-double of the season by grabbing 10 boards. Judson's 14 points added to his career 1,521 points makes him the second highest scorer in Mansfield history.

The Mountaineers finish the year with a school record 26-4 season.

Mountaineer women win three in Florida

by Jill Mancini and J.P. Fella
sports reporters

The 1997 Mansfield University Women's Softball team started their spring training in Pensacola, Florida the week of March 9.

They played 12 games throughout their stay, finishing with a record of 3-9, in the University of West Florida Spring Fling.

The women got off to a slow start, losing their first six games. They won three of their next six games.

Jay's review of the Mountie's Phenomenal Season

by Jay Wilson
Sports Reporter

It all started November 20, 1996 when the Mansfield Mounties boarded a bus to Shippensburg for their first basketball game of the season, though they didn't yet know how successful they would be.

The starting five, made up of seniors Kenny Woseley, Louis Judson, Lawrence Culver, sophomore Steve Shannon, and freshman Tommy Harvey, achieved an overall record of 26-4, a PSAC record of 11-1.

Led by coach Tom Ackerman and supported by a loyal crowd of Mansfield fans, the Mounties not only achieved their first PSAC title since the 1983-1984 season, but also ended the year ranked 10th in NCAA Division II. The team set records such as most wins in a regular season, most one hundred point games in a season, most three point shots made in a game

The women defeated Eureka College back to back by scores of 6-5 and 8-3. Their next win came against Albion, 5-4, two games later.

Sadwiched between their victories were losses to Cumberland, 8-16, and William Woods, 2-4. The Mounties dropped their last game of Spring Training to Beloit in a heartbreaking 1-0 loss.

Individually for the Mounties, sophomore Stephanie Kent led the team in hitting with a .391 average, followed by freshman Rosie Pagana at .387. As a team the Mounties hit .262 through the first twelve games.

and average points per game. But, the most striking statistics appear when we look at the individual performances of the starters.

Lawrence Culver, Louis Judson, and Kenny Woseley were all named to the ECAC South Division II all Star team, again setting another school record for the number of selections in a year. Thanks to the outstanding ability of the three seniors, Mansfield had the most selection for any of the 28 teams in the region.

Culver, a senior from Youngstown, Ohio, ranked third in the nation in rebounding with an average of 12.8 boards per game. He broke a season record for rebounds, pulling down 384. He obtained 23 double-doubles, and shot almost percent from the floor.

Judson broke the school record for the most points scored in a season, scoring 670. He achieved 216 career three pointers becoming the second best in Mansfield history. Perhaps his greatest achievement was becoming the second all-time leading scorer in Mansfield history with 1,521 points.

Mountie pitchers Melissa Tyson, Kelly Morris and Missy Stock had a team earned run average of 1.95 during the Spring games. Stock went 2-4, followed by Morris at 1-4 and Tyson at 0-1.

Also on the roster for the Mansfield University Softball Team are seniors Sherry Thompson and Heather Shelleman, juniors Jennifer Radicchi and Alicia Shirato, sophomore Brooke McManus, and freshmen Megan Williams, Kim Swarts, and Kris Peterson.

The Mounties are in action again March 25 at home against Lock Haven University at 3:00pm.

Kenny Woseley set a new school record with 81 steals, was ranked sixth in the PSAC scoring, and became the third best in Mansfield history with 532 points this season.

Harvey, a freshman from Pottstown, was a leading point guard. He made 2nd team for the ALL-PSAC East and made Rookie of the week at least six times. His speed and agility proved to be invaluable to the team.

Making up the sophomore end of the starting five was Steve Shannon who averaged 13.8 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. He was the leading rebounder a number of times during the season and was leading scorer twice.

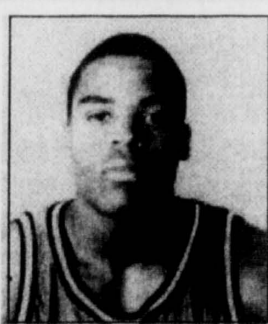
The rest of the team including Kevin Perlake, Damoun Lopez, Bryan Zardez, Brain McMahon, Anthony Brown, Richard Harrison, Darrin Bates, Dennis Brockington and Remar Tate came in for the starters a number of times playing unrelenting defense and offense that was tough to contain. The Mansfield Mounties Basketball team had one of their best seasons in history. Good job fellas!

The Mountaintop

Mountie athletes reaching for the peak of success



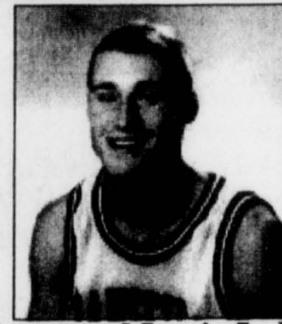
Head Coach Tom Ackerman, led the Mounties to a record 26-4 season. He is also only the third Coach in Mansfield history to reach 100 career wins.



Senior fwd. Lawrence Culver, set the Mountaineer record for rebounds with 384. Culver is a first team all-PSAC East selection as well as a member of the East All-district team.



Freshman grd. Tommy Harvey, was named to the Second Team All-PSAC East squad. He was named PSAC Rookie of the week six times in his first year as a Mountaineer.



Senior guard Louis Judson, is the PSAC East Player of the Year as well as an All-PSAC East selection. He ranked 14th in the nation in scoring with 22.3 ppg. He established a new record with 670 points this season.

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	Lunch	A La Carte	A La Carte	10:30am-1:15pm Board Plan
	Dinner			4:30pm-6:00pm Board Plan
Saturday March 29, 1997	Brunch	CLOSED	CLOSED	11:00am-1:00pm Board Plan
	Dinner			4:30pm-6:00pm Board Plan
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	Dinner			4:30pm-6:00pm Board Plan
Monday March 31, 1997	Breakfast	CLOSED	4:30pm-8:00pm	9:00am-10:00am Board Plan
	Lunch		Cash/Flex/Cash Equivalency	11:00am-1:00pm Board Plan
	Dinner		A La Carte	4:30pm-6:00pm Board Plan

Communication students work at Grammy's

By Darren A. Meehan
News editor

As the United States and the world brace themselves for the busiest part of awards season, the Academy Awards, four Mansfield University students returned from a trip to New York City last month working behind the scenes of the Grammy Awards telecast.

Communications Department students Brian Bair (junior), Melissa Enama (junior), Mike Deckman (senior) and Jeffrey Burr (junior) assisted the production department by escorting talent during the show, televised on February 26.

The student's responsibilities included registering guests like Celene Dion and the Smashing Pumpkins before escorting them to their dressing rooms. For some of the students, being behind the scenes was not what the television viewer sees.

Deckman, a Public Relations major, was shocked at the lack of organization.

"It was more unorganized than I thought it would be," he said. "I'm amazed they could pull it off because things happen up to the last second."

Enama, a broadcasting student, agreed with him, but found the overall appearance even more surprising after she had a chance to watch the broadcast.

"It was really hectic. You're walking around and the stage looks like a big pile of metal. Later," she added, "I saw it on television and it was beautiful."

Although the spectacle of stage decorations and famous musicians makes for a nice evening on ABC, the fast pace behind the curtains prevented the students from approaching the talent for autographs or pictures.

"They (the producers) wouldn't let us take pictures, it's crazy backstage," Bair said. "People are running around and getting pissed and are yelling and screaming until it's over; and then it gets better."

"Working on the Grammy's lasted four days. On the night of the actual ceremony, we had to work about 16 hours," he said.

Deckman added, "By the end of the day you really don't care if the people around you are famous or not."

After a while though, it didn't matter to the volunteers.

"I think we over-glorify the whole show," Deckman said. "They're real people doing real jobs. The only difference is they're famous."

Bair hopes to use the experi-



photo provided

The Grammy Awards provided MU students with a unique opportunity to learn directly from the field in which they hope to work.

ence later in his career.

"I'm a broadcasting major, so I wanted to make some contacts that I can use after school. It's also good to see how these productions are put together."

Bair also noted the less than professional aspects of the show. He says the unprofessional behavior extended beyond the celebrities and producers.

"I felt proud to be from Mansfield. The students from NYU and Montclair and other schools were very unprofessional. It felt good because they expected the students from Mansfield to be professional," Bair said.

But what is professionalism?

"Professionalism is mainly common sense," Bair confessed.



Billy Corgan, lead singer of the Smashing Pumpkins, performing at the Grammy's last month.

Deckman also noticed the close relationship he felt with the producers as a result of the MU student's dedication.

"They knew us on a first name basis and we knew them on a first name basis," he said. "We hung around when we didn't have to and they noticed things like that."

Even though the students weren't per-

mitted to interfere, they still managed to see some celebrities during their duties.

Enama lists providing water for the talent, escorting the talent through the show and registering the talent beforehand. The registration procedure the night before the awards show provided her with her first lesson on unpredictably.

Enama recalls, "the night before the show, I was sitting by the door where the talent walks in when a short, blonde woman approached the table with some clothes draped over her forearm saying she was Celene Dion."

"The girl working at the table looked over at the rest of us while the woman continued saying she was Celene Dion," she said. "After we carefully looked at her, we called security because we knew she wasn't Celene Dion."

"About an hour later," she continued, "the real Celene Dion came in and we were all pretty uninterested; but we definitely knew it was her."

Deckman's brushes with fame taught him a lesson about celebrities one will only encounter in person.

"I remember seeing Natalie Cole and she was cursing and screaming. I always imagined her as the quite and reserved daughter of Nat 'King' Cole," he said. "I don't know if she is usually like that; I think something just went wrong at that time but I wasn't expecting her to be talking the way she was."

Deckman has changed his image of celebrities since attending these shows, and has more than Cole to credit.

"You have a preconceived no-

tion of what certain celebrities are like and, when you see them it is usually the opposite of what you thought," he said.

Smashing Pumpkins' behavior also surprised him, but it wasn't what they said. "I remember seeing the Smashing Pumpkins. They seemed to travel in a straight line wherever they would go. Billy Corgan lead and the others followed. And when they finished performing, they would hurry back to their dressing room and not talk to anyone," Deckman said.

The MU students credit Howard Travis, communications professor, for their high professionalism.

"He kept saying, 'if you aren't professional you won't do it again' MU's lessons paid off for these four; before doing the Grammy's they went with others from MU to the ESPYs to get the same career experience."



Grammy Award winner Celene Dion was one of the many singers MU students helped during their assignments in New York.

The Grammy Awards are presented annually by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences and recognize achievements in music over the past year. The ESPYs are presented by ESPN annually.

"Overall," Deckman said, "it was an experience I won't forget. I don't know how good it will look on my resume, but it was cool."

Calendar

Sunday, March 23

2 pm Nicole Santell/Brandi Clauser Trumpet/Flute Junior Recital in Steadman Theatre.
8 pm "Star Trek: First Contact" Allen Hall. Through 3/27. MAC.

Monday, March 24

12:30 pm Auditions in Steadman Theatre.
8:30 pm Bowling Green Saxophone Quartet performs in Steadman Theatre.
Admissions visitation.

Tuesday, March 25

10 am and 3 pm MLK Center Film Series featuring "Eyes on the prize: Episode 5, Mississippi: Is this America?"
1 pm Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center.
1 pm Baseball away at Millersville.
1 pm AOD Education Office presents "Acute Alcoholic Poisoning... How much do I have to drink to kill myself?" in Allen Lecture Hall.
Choral Festival.

Wednesday, March 26

10 am and 3 pm MLK Center Film Series featuring "Eyes on the Prize: Episode 6, Bridges to Freedom."
6 pm An Evening with James Earl Jones Scholarship Dinner in North Dining Hall.
8 pm James Earl Jones address in Decker Gym.
Choral Festival continues.

Thursday, March 27

1 pm Baseball away at

Bloomsburg.

1 pm International Discussion Hour in MLK Center.
8 pm "Relationships" with Ellen Gootblatt in Allen Lecture Hall.
8 pm Zeta Phi Beta Women's Week Movie Night at Zanzibar.

Friday, March 28

Last day to withdraw from a course.
Deadline for submitting FY 97/98 Budget Request Forms.
Spring holiday begins.

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Rec Center completion slated for end of May

by Joey West
 staff reporter

Mansfield University's new "Fitness and Recreation Center," which is currently being constructed, should be completed by the end of this semester, according to campus officials.

"The original hope was to have it done in early spring," said

Dennis Miller, director of public relations.

Although, there can "never be an exact date," Miller said mother nature is a major factor in deciding when the building will be completed.

"We hoped to have it done in December," Miller said, noting that weather delayed the completion.

After it became apparent that the fitness and recreation center would not be completed as scheduled,

Miller said that, "The hope was to have it done in early spring."

Joseph Maresco, vice president of student affairs, added that before the building can be opened the fire and safety committee has to go through the building and inspect it. The university should not expect it to open by April 1, he said.

Student reactions to the delay have been understanding at best.

Keenan Tolbert, a freshman, said, "I wish it would have opened up sooner, but I will make use of the facilities next semester."

Another student was happy about the building and its location.

"I think it's a good thing (it is being built), because I like the location of it," said Theresa Flock, a sophomore. "It is close to the dorms, and there are a lot of additional activity courts for racquet ball and aerobics."

Jones delivers Mansfield U. address Actor speaks on behalf of Minority Scholarship Fund

By Darren A. Meehan
 news editor

Renowned actor, and recent author, James Earl Jones addressed the university and community Wednesday night in Decker Gymnasium to raise money for the Minority Scholarship Fund.

"An Evening With James Earl Jones" began with a press conference held in the North Hall Art Gallery. Jones discussed his career and his philosophies but would not entertain the subject of racism saying only that racists are "insane" and that the topic was not on his agenda. Later, during his evening address, Jones instructed the audience that racists should be treated like ghosts, "they should be ignored."

Jones said, "racial tension are a part of mythology and they are personal."

Jones also discussed his career and his body of work, including his voice-over work for the Star Wars trilogy, recently re-released. Jones spoke the lines for Darth Vader, and reluctantly recited a line from The Empire Strikes Back.

"No Luke, I am your father," Jones said, citing the climactic scene from the second installment of the series. Jones went on to address remarks Harrison Ford made during his taping of an interview with Barbara Walters.

"Harrison said the other night that, while everyone else on the set was saying 'Use the force', he was saying, 'force yourself,' Jones said. "I don't know if he meant 'force yourself' as in empower yourself or 'force yourself' to do more and better things."

Jones also added playing Darth Vader became more valuable than the insubstantial paycheck he received for the part as it lead to better voice overs and spokesman positions.

"I was paid peanuts for that work," he continued, "but it established me as the voice of authority. That voice of authority helped me get jobs like the Bell of Atlantic ads who pay me very handsomely."

Although Jones' fame helped
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photo by Brent McCallus

World renowned actor and author James Earl Jones. Jones gave an address last Wednesday night in Decker Gymnasium to raise money for the Minority Scholarship Fund.



photo by Brent McCallus

MU professor Dr. Vernon Lapps and long-time friend James Earl Jones.

MU swimmer drowns the competition

By Jackie Williams
 sports reporter

For many college students, spring break means a trip south for sandy beaches, fun, warm water and sun. But for Nikki Noacill, the airplane pointed southwest to San Antonio, Texas, and a golden opportunity to become the best woman's

try. This wasn't Noacill's first attempt at the National Championship, but it was her first try as a Mountaineer.

Noacill transferred to Mansfield last fall from St. Cloud State University of Michigan. According to Noacill, swimming was her life her first year at St. Cloud.

"When I was at St. Cloud I didn't have an academic major," Says Noacill, "My mom used to go around and tell everyone that I was majoring in swimming. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do except swim."

Apparently the work paid off. While there, she set the school record of 24.10 seconds in the 50 yard freestyle and placed sixth at the National Championship. The first eight finishers earn All-American status, while those competitors ranked ninth through 16 were awarded All-American Honorable Mention.

Noacill was not always a phenomenal swimmer. According to her, she never had really good coaching in high school until her senior year. Then the men's swimming coach from St. Cloud State came knocking on her door and started showing her what she needed to do to improve.

Once Noacill dove into the St. Cloud pool, improvement became a continuous process. The head coach there, Diane Heydt, introduced Noacill to a weight stack and began pushing her through intense sprint workouts. Noacill just kept improving and soon began to place herself in the St. Cloud record books.

When the season was over, Noacill found out her coach intended to leave St. Cloud to take over the head coaching job of the floundering Mansfield University program. According to Noacill, it was a logical step for her to follow her to Pennsylvania.

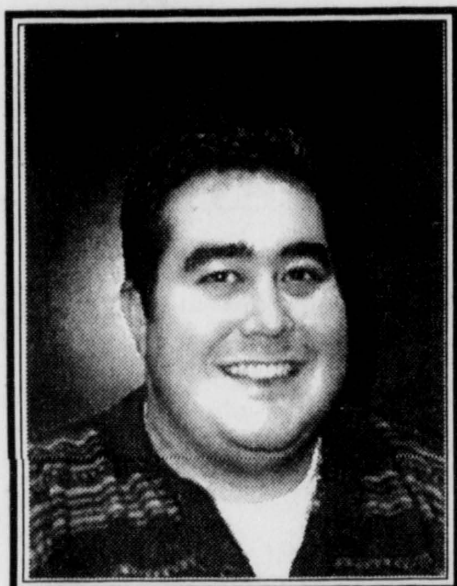
"I came here because Coach (Heydt) came here," Noacill said. "She is the best coach I've ever had and my times were improving. Each swimmer has a different style and so does each coach, and I didn't want to make the change to a new one. I want to end my career with her."

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CAMPUS VOICES

by Akeelah Brooks

"What was your impression of James Earl Jones?"



George Weiss
senior

"I found it a refreshing break from the monotony of other campus activities."



Jennifer Korkmann
junior

"He was refreshingly down-to-earth and very enjoyable to listen to."



Scott Piergrossi
senior

"I found James Earl Jones very enjoyable to listen to."



Michelle R. Wilson
sophomore

"He was a wonderful speaker. I really enjoyed his recollections of Africa."

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raise money for the scholarship fund, the actor felt his presence overshadowed the minds on campus.

"When you give a speech, you're only giving your two cents worth in a place with million dollar minds educating other million dollar minds," he said.

After the press conference, Jones was the guest of honor in the North Hall Reading Room and discussed his career with multi-cultural students and others from the communication department. The students questioned Jones about his career, the famous people he has worked with over his 40 year career.

The one hour session, moderated by Annie Cooper, involved a no-holds conversation in which Jones reflected on his success. Jones said he had no goals in the beginning and that his career has always been "one foot in front of the other."

After the conversation, Jones signed autographs on everything from the inside of his autobiography, *Voices and Silences*, to Star Wars posters, pieces of paper and copies of the *Flashlight*.

Jones then attended a dinner to help raise money for the scholarship before delivering his address in Decker Gymnasium at 8 pm.

The crowd got louder as Jones opened by saying, "your enthusiasm disturbs me," once again referring to his famous role as Darth Vader. Once the crowd quieted, Jones spoke of his life growing up in Mississippi and the move to Michigan when he was seven, his travels to Africa and how he overcame stuttering.

"For years I said nothing and

listened to other people's words. I was a mute and, in that state, you appreciate the beauty of words," he said.

After his speech, Jones responded to questions from the audience. Among the responses, Jones urged others to find role models in their mother and fathers, not in celebrities.

"I'm like Charles Barkley because he says, 'I'm not a role model,'" Jones said.

He also cautioned the audience about taking advice from others.

"On that topic I will only say what Carl Sandberg said: 'Take no advice, including this'."

Christian White, MU freshman, attended the address and had mixed feelings about it.

"I was a little disappointed with the speech, but I still liked being there. I mean, it isn't every day someone like him comes to this campus," White said.

Raymond Fox, MU freshman, found the speech informative.

"I had to go for a class, but I'm glad I went," Fox said. "I thought it was pretty cool that someone like James Earl Jones was here."

Throughout the day, Jones shared with his audiences many thoughts and feelings, including his desire to break some of the barriers left for him as an entertainer.

"In the beginning, all the black actors were encouraged to play all the roles," he said. "I'm still yearning to play a woman."

Jones also confessed that he has an interest in singing.

"I would like to put out an album called 'The Songs James Earl Jones Sings Whether You Want to Hear Them or Not'."

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Student government discusses new admissions director

by Joey West
staff reporter

The main topic of the Mansfield University's Student Government Association's weekly meeting, held Monday evening, was the search for the new director of admissions. According to SGA speaker Steve Winnie, the search is over and the final candidate, whose name has not yet been released, has been interviewed and is expected to be the next director.

In other news, the athletic department has been granted an unspecified increase in funding for the 1997/1998 academic year by the Committee on Finance, according to SGA recording secretary Michelle Hosey. Officially, the athletics department was "asking for an increase in the percent they get," Hosey said.

Hosey went on by saying that

the athletics department said the increase was needed to provide new equipment for the wrestling team (headgear and shoes) and track shoes for the track team. Hosey added that the athletics department said the football team does not get everything that they ask for.

In other news related to COF and SGA, the Mansfield Activities Council will not be presenting a college music concert due to lack of funding, Activities Council member Cindy Albano.

At Monday's meeting Albano reported that MAC would be able to afford to put on a concert featuring a band such as The Violent Femmes, Silverchair or Collective Soul if COF were to provide financial backing. On Thursday, COF said that they would not fund a concert this semester but would give funding to MAC have them bring a comedian to cam-

pus.

Albano said that a likely candidate would be comedian Bobcat Goldwait. She added that MAC would have been better able to fund a concert on its own if they had not had their concert budget cut in half last year.

"This is the best that could be done with the amount of money available," Albano said.

The topic that caused the most controversy of the evening was whether SGA should recognize the MU Golf Club and grant it up to \$1500 in funding. The concept of it is to have "inter-team matches to play once a week," according to golf club captain Don Reiner.

However, after further questioning from SGA members, it was found out that a player has to qualify in the top ten of the club to play in tournaments.

"I don't think it will be a good idea. It is elitist," said Tom Jones, an SGA senator. "I certainly don't want that."

Reiner went on by saying that the price for a years worth of play would be between \$1000 and \$1500 for just the ten main qualifiers.

"It's expensive," said Gene Yager, a SGA senator. "That sounds like a lot of money to go play golf to me."

In other news, SGA announced that their account balance is \$5,360.14, according to SGA treasurer E.J. Gallagher.

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Baby whale dies at San Diego Sea World

SAN DIEGO (AP) — An underweight, dehydrated baby whale rescued on a Santa Barbara beach died Monday at Sea World.

The 3-month-old calf, who was at least 20 percent underweight for her age and had an internal infection that appeared to be worsening, died at 11:50 a.m., said park spokeswoman Nancy Carrington.

The nature of her illness was unclear but she may have proved too weak to fight off bacteria that entered her bloodstream through the scrapes and cuts she received while rolling in the surf, said staff veterinarian Tom Reidarson.

The 2,900-pound whale also may have had pneumonia and was under 24-hour watch in an isolation pool, Reidarson said.

"There simply wasn't anything else we could do to save her," he said Monday. "We knew the prognosis wasn't good when we first examined her."

Sea World officials said they will perform a necropsy to determine the cause.

The nearly 17-foot-long mammal was dehydrated and malnourished when she

was found Thursday in Santa Barbara. After her rescue, she was trucked 200 miles to the aquatic park.

The calf became separated from her mother during the annual migration of California gray whales from Alaska to Mexico.

She was treated with antibiotics, fluids and diluted formula fed to her through a tube attached to her stomach. She was so sick, she had lost her ability to suck and eat on her own.

It was the second whale rescued from a Southern California beach in three months. A female dubbed J.J. by her caretakers was only days old when she was found in January on Venice Beach in Los Angeles.

J.J. is nearly 17 feet long, weighs 3,300 pounds and is gaining 30 pounds a day at Sea World. Officials hope to one day return her to the Pacific Ocean.

She lives in a 1.7 million-gallon pool designed for killer whales.

Once an endangered species, there are about 25,000 California gray whales. About 1,000 calves are born each year but only two-thirds survive.

Two-year custody battle ends in three brutal deaths

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For two years Keith Scavo and his ex-wife Kimberly fought over custody of their 3-year-old daughter, Giovanna.

The 29-year-old mother had filed harassment and assault charges against Scavo in 1995, won seven restraining orders against him for stalking and, most recently, refused to let him take their toddler to Florida for a week.

The arguments were silenced in a blaze of gunfire Sunday, leaving Kimberly, her boyfriend and her mother dead. Scavo walked away from the carnage, strapped his screaming daughter into a car seat and drove away, neighbors said Monday.

"He was quite calm. That's what scared me the most," said Melanie Donnelly, who was the first to find Kimberly Carsello riddled with bullets in her Northeast Philadelphia row house.

"He took his time, walked around the van and strapped the kid in," Donnelly said. "He knew what he was doing the whole time."

Scavo, 40, turned up two hours after the massacre at a southern New Jersey hospital with a chest wound. His daughter, nicknamed Gio, was shot in the shoulder.

Police issued an arrest warrant Monday for Scavo, who was in serious condition at Cooper Hospital-University Medical Center in Camden, N.J. He had been transferred there from Kennedy Memorial Hospital in nearby Stratford, N.J.

Gio Scavo was recovering in fair condition at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a hospital spokeswoman said.

According to police, Scavo was returning Gio to her mother Sunday night after his two-monthly weekend visit when a shouting match broke out with Carsello's boyfriend.

Still outside in the small yard and porch area of their Crescentville neighborhood, Scavo shot Sauer once in the head, then rushed past to reach his ex-wife, police said.

Inside the house, Scavo shot both Kimberly Carsello and her mother, 50-year-old Tamar Carsello, police said.

Police said they did not know the nature of Scavo's chest wound or how he was injured. Neighbors said neither he nor his young daughter appeared wounded when they left the scene.

Neighbors and others close to the estranged couple said the pair often argued — at times passionately — but they never expected it to end in such a grisly manner.

Scavo was often prohibited from coming near Carsello's house because he would upset the family, neighbors said, and after weekend visits he would return the toddler dirty, hungry and tired.

In June 1995, soon after the divorce, Carsello filed harassment and assault charges against Scavo, saying he had dragged her by the arm and into a car, police said. But he was never prosecuted.

Weak dollar still overpowers yen

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar hit a five-week high against the yen but ended mostly weaker Wednesday, reflecting sales by traders securing profits from the U.S. currency's strength before heading into the long Easter weekend.

Broad yen weakness, an upward revision in German economic data and a sharp rise in the pound also indirectly contributed to the dollar's retreat, halting its most recent advance from higher U.S. interest rates. On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve raised rates for the first time in more than two years.

Despite the dollar's pullback against most currencies, traders said the underlying conditions favoring further gains in the dollar remain strong, particularly the growing disparity between interest rates in the United States and those in Japan and Germany. Higher U.S. rates make assets denominated in dollars more attractive.

"We drifted off with some profit-taking prior to the long weekend, but it makes too much sense to own dollars, both fundamentally and technically," said Robert Gilmartin, a currency trader at First Union National Bank in Charlotte, N.C. "The interest rate differential is widening, and it's a good time to buy dollars."

The dollar reached an intraday high of 124.47 yen, the strongest since Feb. 19, before settling in New York at 124.12 yen, up from 123.75 yen Tuesday. The dollar cost 1.6898 marks, down from 1.6914. The pound cost \$1.6287, up from \$1.6184 and the strongest level in more than three weeks.

Many traders were reluctant to take any speculative currency positions because most markets will be closed for Good Friday and many will remain closed Monday for Easter.

The yen weakened against most cur-

Hepatitis C projected to kill 24,000 Americans

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Hepatitis C, a usually-silent, blood-borne disease, will kill about 24,000 Americans annually within 20 years and current treatments are not effective for most patients, a panel of experts said Wednesday.

A committee sponsored by the National Institutes of Health reported that there are about 4 million Americans infected with hepatitis C and that about 20 percent of this group will develop cirrhosis of the liver, an often fatal disorder.

"Super greenhouse" effect to warm surface of world's oceans

SAN DIEGO (AP) — New research from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography indicates a "super greenhouse effect" caused by a buildup of water vapor in the atmosphere.

Francisco P.J. Valero, director of the Atmospheric Research Laboratory at Scripps, found that the super greenhouse effect warms the surface of more than half the world's tropical oceans. The phenomenon could have a significant role on global climate change, Valero said Thursday.

"It doesn't mean anything will change tomorrow," he said. "But it gives us a

deeper understanding of the scientific issues involved to predict what will happen in the future."

"Every time we put something into the atmosphere, it's changing the natural balances. We want to know what the effects are."

The study will be published in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

From 1985 to 1989, the super greenhouse effect caused a rise in sea surface temperatures in some 52 percent of the tropical Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans, Valero found.

rency after Bank of Japan Governor Yasuo Matsuhashita strongly hinted the central bank will maintain historically low interest rates for now. At a news conference in Tokyo, Matsuhashita denied there will be any direct impact from the Fed's move to raise U.S. rates.

Further pressuring the yen was speculation that large-scale Japanese investors unhappy with the low rates of return in Japan were buying pounds, dollars and marks in order to expand their holdings abroad when Japan's new fiscal year begins April 1.

"The perception is that money is starting to pour out of Japan," said Jim Powers, vice president of foreign-exchange sales at Westdeutsche Landes Bank in New York. "I think it's more a reflection of yen weakness than dollar strength."

Johnson-Smick was founded by former Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Manuel Johnson and a former congressional aide, David Smick. Its newsletters are followed in the financial markets because they are seen as having inside sources at the Fed and Treasury.

The mark derived some strength from Bundesbank data that showed German industrial output fell less in January than originally reported, suggesting the weakness in the Germany economy may be overstated. The central bank said output declined only 1.5 percent in December vs. a 1.7 percent decline reported earlier in the month.

In their report, the 12 committee members said that treating the disease with current drugs has been "disappointing".

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<p>Upcoming Forums, Films and Lectures</p>	<p>Should Doctors Help Us End Our Lives? Wednesday, April 2, 1997 Cedarcrest Rec Room at 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ebony Discussion Hour Tuesday, April 1 at 1 p.m. in MLK Center</p> <p>AND</p> <p>International Discussion Hour Thursday, April 3 at 1 p.m. in MLK Center</p>
<p>Students for a Free Tibet Come help raise awareness and fight oppression. For more info. call: Brent: 662-7428 Or Gene: x5746</p>	<p>Spaghetti Dinner First Baptist Church in Mansfield April 1, 1997 from 5 - 8 p.m. Dinner includes spaghetti and sauce, bread, salad, dessert, and a drink. Advanced tickets \$4 adults and \$2 kids. Tickets at the door \$5 adults and \$3 kids. Sponsored by the Psych Club. For tickets or more info call Thuong at 662-5194 or Hillary at 662-5112. Donations from Mansfield Bilo and Wellsboro Weis Markets.</p>	<p>Chi Rho Upsilon Computer Association. Meetings are every Thursday at 12:30pm in 206 Elliot Hall.</p>
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<p>Psychology Club Meeting April 1, 1997 at 12:30 p.m. in South Hall 404.</p>	<div data-bbox="917 1487 1058 1734" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Happy Spring!</p>	<p>MISO Meetings: Friday @ 4:30pm in 204 Memorial Hall</p>
<p>Friday March 28, 1997 is the last day to withdraw from classes. It is also the deadline for submitting FY 97/98 Budget Request Forms.</p>		<p>Kevin Embury Senior Saxophone Recital 7 p.m. in Steadman Theatre</p> <p>Public Relations Student Society of America Win \$25 Earth Day t-shirt logo contest. For contest details, please call: Prof. Nolan @ x4329 (day) or 724-4929 (evenings) Help Promote Environmental Awareness</p>
<p>Attention All Independent Women Sisters of Delta Zeta are having a C.O.B. party. Take the time to come and see what we are all about. Wednesday, April 2, 1997 on the 3rd Floor in Laurel B Lounge at 9:00p.m. There is a Disney theme. Call Jenn at x5323 for more information.</p>		<p>Geology Club Meeting: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday 12:30pm in 106 Belknap</p> <p>Photographers Wanted! Contact Brent @ 662-7428</p>
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<p>If you have anything to be annouced on these pages, submit them to the <i>Inside Track</i> office, or call Katie at x5878. Please submit them early.</p>	<p>Attention Women Student Leaders! Two Mansfield representatives will be sent to a week-long leadership seminar, Aug. 3-8, 1997 at the McKeever Center in western PA. Selected participants will have all expenses covered except for transportation. Applications are in the Residence Life Office, 120 Pinecrest. Application deadline is April 4th. The minimum standards are: *2.50 G.P.A. *Leadership Experience *Community Service Involvement *Sophomore or Junior class standing</p>	<p>St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church 210 S Franklin St. Elmira NY Phone: 734-0071 Divine Liturgy is every Sunday at 10:00am</p>
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Concert or comedian? Let the buyer beware

STUDENTS OF MANSFIELD: THIS YEAR'S SPRING CONCERT HAS BEEN CANCELED!

Instead, we will be graced with the presence of some cheap comedian. We have been informed that the Committee on Finance (COF) has told Mansfield Activity Council (MAC) that there will be no funding this year for a Spring Concert. With MAC budget cuts, our student population will not see the Violent Femmes or Silverchair. Instead, MAC must choose between Bobcat Goldthwait, Margaret Chow and a few other "has-beens" that perform for \$7,500.

Do you want to see a comedian whose identical act can be seen on Comedy Central? Or do you want to see the Violent Femmes, Collective Soul or Silverchair, whose live shows vary and are much more personal?

Last semester, MU welcomed the Badlees. Unfortunately, the show was far from sold out. But that wasn't the first time this school has wasted money.

Last year, Letters to Cleo received \$7,500 for committing to a concert date without ever having to play. That time, some hot shot decided the school should not allot an extra night in Decker Gym to MAC for the show because the Basketball needed the gym to practice.

But do not blame MAC. As far as we know, they fought hard for a concert this semester. Now, it's too late to change the situation. MAC must submit their decision today (Friday) if they want anything at all for the students.

As students, we have a responsibility to oversee the way our money is spent. If you don't recall, each student pays about \$90 per semester in their tuition for activity fees. Because your representatives in MAC are being forced to choose a comedian instead of a concert, they are stuck in a totalitarian regime inconsiderate of the people spending the money. Furthermore, MAC looks bad because their name is on the bottom of the flyers for these things.

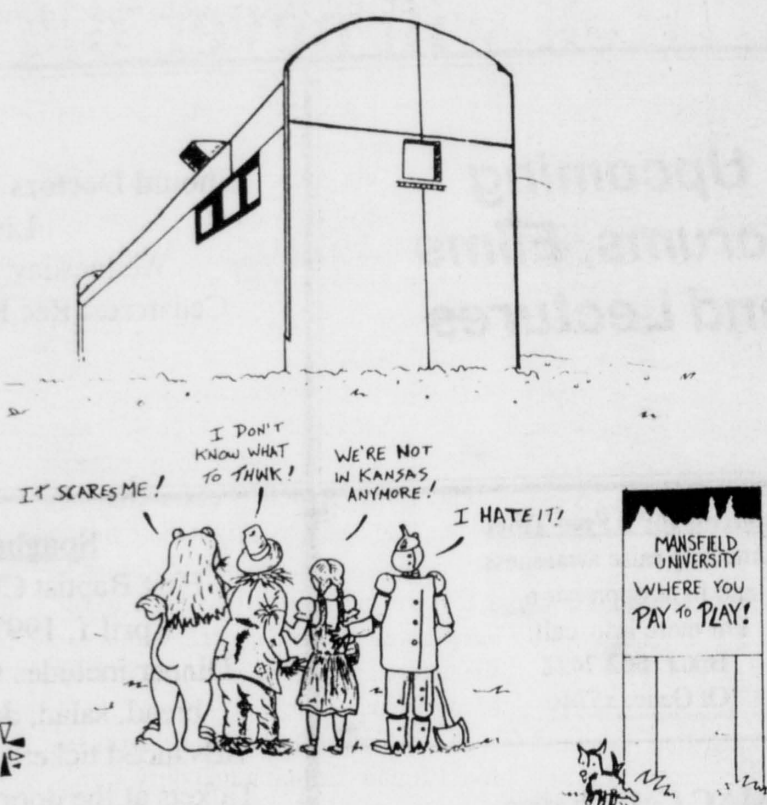
You can do something about this. You can call the members of COF and tell them you want better representation of your money. Tell them you don't want money spent on a low-budget comedian when you can get a fairly well-known band for the same money. Tell them how you feel.

Whatever you do, call them and tell them something. As a public service to our readers, at the end of this editorial you will find the names of all the COF members. As a further public service, if you call the *Flashlight*, we will give you the phone numbers of any or all of the members. (It is public knowledge) It's about time we started taking responsibility for the people who spend our money. If you don't voice your opinion, you can look forward to something even less grim for next semester.

COF Members: EJ Gallagher, Jamila Head, Michele Hosey, Kim Kochin, Rustin Kreider, Thuong Lam, James Moyer, Mike Perrotti, Jason Rivers, Sharon Rutledge, Mark Smith, Scott Weldon, Steve Winnie and Dan Vosburgh

Advisor: Joe Maresco

Opinions



Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Rock n' Roll will never die even when the singers do



Dave Barry

When I heard that Richard Berry, the man who wrote "Louie, Louie," had died, I said...

Well, I can't tell you, in a family newspaper, what I said. But it was not a happy remark. It was the remark of a person who realizes he'll never get to thank somebody for something.

So we spent a lot of our basketball time listening to a transistor perched on a tree stump, tuned to WABC in New York City. (I mean the radio was tuned to WABC; the stump was tuned to WWOR.) And one miraculous day in

1963, out of the crappy little transistor speaker came...

Well, you know what it sounds like: This guy just wailing away, totally unintelligibly, with his band just whomping away behind him in the now-legendary "Louie" rhythm, whomp-whomp-whomp, whomp-whomp-whomp...

And it was just SO cool. It was 500 million times cooler than, for example, Bobby Rydell. It was so cool that I wanted to dance to it right there on the rocky dirt court, although, of course as a 15-year-old boy of that era I would have sawed off both my feet with a nail file before I would have danced in front of my friends.

I loved "Louie, Louie" even before I found out that it had dirty words. Actually it turned out that it didn't have dirty words, but for years we- and when I say "we," I am referring to the teenagers of that era, and J. Edgar Hoover- were all convinced that it did, which of course just made it cooler. We loved that song with no idea whatsoever what it was about.

But for me the coolest thing about "Louie, Louie" was this: I could play it on the guitar. In fact, just about anybody could play it, including a rea-

sonably trainable chicken. Three chords, nothing tricky. This is why, when I-like so many teenage boys of that era, became part of a band in a futile attempt to appeal to girls, "Louie, Louie" was the first song we learned. We'd whomp away on our cheap, untuneable guitars plugged into our Distort-O-Matic amplifiers, and our dogs would hide and our moms would leave the house on unnecessary errands, and we'd wail unintelligibly into our fast-food-drive-thru-intercom-quality public-address system, and when we were finally done playing and the last-out of tune notes had leaked out of the room, we'd look at each other and say "Hey! We sound like the Kingsmen!" And the beauty of that song is, we kind of did.

I continued playing in bands in college, and many other songs went in and out of our repertoire, but we always played "Louie, Louie." Over the years, musical and cultural critics have offered countless explanations for the song's enduring appeal, but I would say, based on playing it hundreds of times in front of a wide range of audiences, that the key musical factor is this: Drunk people really like it. My band found that, if large beer-guzzling college-fraternity members became boisterous and decided they

wanted to play our instruments, or hit us, or hit us with our instruments, all we had to do was play "Louie, Louie," and they would be inspired to go back to dancing and throwing up on their dates.

Sometimes people got a little TOO inspired. One night we were playing in a frat house at the University of Pennsylvania, and during "Louie, Louie" an entire sofa- a large sofa- came through the front window, which was not open at the time. The crowd did not stop dancing, and we did not stop playing; we kept right on wailing and whomping. That's the kind of indestructible song "Louie, Louie" is. I'm confident that it's one of the very few songs that would be able to survive a thermonuclear war. (Another one is "Wild Thing.")

I'm not defending it as art. I'm not saying that, as a cultural achievement, it is on a par with the "Mona Lisa," or "Hamlet." On the other hand, when the "Mona Lisa" or "Hamlet" comes on my radio, I do not crank the volume up and wail unintelligibly at my windshield. I still do this for "Louie, Louie."

And for that, Richard Berry, wherever you are: Thanks.

Federal interest rate hike draws fire but rise is no surprise

Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) _ Fed bashing just isn't what it used to be.

For public officials, there's usually no downside to beating up on the Federal Reserve for raising interest rates. Such hikes potentially affect every American. And the nation's independent central bank has no natural political constituency.

Presidents have longed railed against such rate increases, as have members of Congress of both parties.

Yet Tuesday's move by the Fed increasing interest rates for the first time in more than two years drew little open criticism, except from predictable quarters. For the most part, the White House, most of Congress and financial markets seemed to be taking the news in stride.

The Fed's modest 0.25 percentage point increase in the key federal funds rate _ transformed at once into a matching increase in the banking industry's prime rate, to 8.5 percent _ will affect loan costs for millions of Americans.

Analysts suggested the low level of outrage was just one further example of the continued strong economy and proof

of the public relations expertise of Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, who has been able to sustain a remarkable relationship with Congress, Wall Street and three presidents.

"He's doing a good job," said Michael K. Evans, professor of economics at Northwestern University. "We don't have a recession because the Fed under Alan Greenspan has finally learned what to do."

Furthermore, Greenspan telegraphed Tuesday's rate increase far in advance, so that, unlike some past Fed rate hikes, there was little surprise involved. The Dow Jones industrial average, in fact, actually gained 50 points following the announcement.

Of course, the fact that it isn't an election year also helps mute any Fed criticism.

Greenspan, 71, a Wall Street economic consultant who was President Ford's chief economic adviser, was appointed Fed chairman in 1987 by President Reagan and reappointed by Presidents Bush and Clinton.

While Bush grumbled indirectly about tight Fed money policies during his losing 1992 presidential campaign, Clinton has gone out of his way to refrain from any criticism of Greenspan.

This began with a large symbolic ges-

ture, when Greenspan was invited to sit beside Hillary Rodham Clinton for the president's first State of the Union address in 1993.

White House aides said Wall Street veteran Robert Rubin, then a top Clinton economic adviser and now treasury secretary, urged Clinton early on to follow a non-confrontational approach to Greenspan and Clinton has followed it religiously.

Furthermore, the quiet but sociable Greenspan is no slouch in terms of political smarts.

He moved quickly, for instance, in doing his own damage control after his warning last winter against "irrational exuberance" sent financial markets into a temporary tailspin.

When Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., suggested publicly that Greenspan might have wandered out of his jurisdiction with such comments, Greenspan quickly came calling on Lott in the Capitol. The two met for nearly an hour.

David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York, calls Greenspan "the most politically savvy Fed chairman in recent times."

Is Greenspan getting a free ride? Some lawmakers think so.

Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D., calls

the secrecy-loving autonomous board "the last American dinosaur." He thinks Congress should exert more oversight control over the board, which he now contends serves big banking interests more than the public.

"I think everyone's afraid to question the Fed," he said when asked why there is so little Fed-bashing these days. "But when the Fed makes a mistake, everyone in the country pays for it."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, another frequent critic of Greenspan, said, "Instead of fighting real inflation, the Fed seems to be spellbound by the mythical ghost of inflation." Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., seemed to agree. "We've had a good run. The Fed should have left the economy alone," Sarbanes said.

Fed defenders argue that, to keep inflation from mushrooming out of control, the Fed must act many months in advance. Thus, it is not always clear at the time of a rate increase just what it is that the Fed is fighting.

There wasn't even a hint of displeasure at the Fed move at the White House.

"We share the goal of maintaining solid economic growth with low inflation," Rubin and Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Janet Yellen said in a joint statement.

I'll let you Little Lord Fauntleroy have my vote if you give me a pony

Guy Coates
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) I saw an old 1930s movie the other day Little Lord Fauntleroy.

As a kid, I didn't see the movie when it was re-released in the 1950s because it was sissy, or so I was told by Billy Gaiser. His word was gospel at the time. He was a year older, could cross his eyes at will and bend his middle finger back to his wrist.

You listen to someone who can do that!

So here I was in the office, caught up and 30 minutes away from going home time. I clicked on the television, which is used solely for monitoring news programs, and immediately turned to the movie channel.

Twenty minutes into Little Lord Fauntleroy and my eyes were misting. Five minutes later, I was blowing my nose. Before the movie was half over, I had gone through my entire hoard of hamburger joint napkins.

Billy. If you're still out there, you're a fool!

This kid in the knickers, Fauntleroy, wanted nothing more than to be kind and help others with his newly found wealth.

What did he want for himself? Just a pony.

The point I'm trying to make? I don't know that I have to make a point. After all, it's my column.

But, to keep up appearances, we'll just dream what it would be like if the state had 144 Fauntleroy in the Legislature.

That's just a dream.

To be fair about it, legislators are no different than the rest of us.

I don't know about you, but when I come into a little extra money, I don't sit around and wonder just who I can help with it. I'm wondering how I can help the interest of good old me!

By the time I make up my mind where to spend it, the wife decides Sidney the cat needs to go to the vet. There goes a new shotgun.

Here we are a week before the session starts and the Legislature is finding itself with Fauntleroy-type wealth. But, more than a pony is at stake or a no-tail cat.

Kreative Korner

Cherished childhood memories and other oddities

by **Krissy Dennis**
features editor

Once a year there comes a time when I reflect on my life and all the weird stuff that happened to me in my childhood. This year Easter just happens to be the turning point. This is probably because I recently had to tell my parents that I was not coming home to claim my basket stuffed with candy and treats.

It seems that my parents have failed to realize that somewhere along the way I grew up. I guess this usually shocks most parents, but it's not like it hasn't been coming. I didn't come home last year because I was sick. My mother just happened to forget that she was the one who told me to stay at school last year. Selective memory, I guess.

Anyway, without sounding completely strange and tortured, I'd like to share the more bizarre moments of my life with you all. I'm feeling sentimental and what better way to reminisce than to share my antics of my loving family.

Probably the most frightening thing that happened to me as a child happened when my sister babysat me. Shame on all you older siblings out there who will laugh at this tale.

While my mom was sleeping my sister used to watch me. Actually it was more like put me on the couch in front of the television and get me a drink once in a while. Anyway, since she had nothing better to do with her time, she used to play nice little tricks on me.

I'm not talking about nice

harmless pranks, we're talking all out scare-the-hell-out-of-you pranks. My favorite were the food tricks. I actually believed her when she said that pepper was just black salt and lemon juice was really lemonade. Of course, you couldn't get much past me.

I realize that the following story could probably be misconstrued into some type of child abuse, but since I'm not physically or emotionally scarred, I don't think I'll press charges. Looking back it all seems kind of funny.

Think back to your childhood. Do any of you remember the movie about the Gargoyles? In fact, I think it was actually called *The Gargoyles*. If you don't remember, let me give you a little refresher.

It was about some guy who was doing research about an ancient myth about these gargoyle creatures. They were big winged creatures who could leap like twenty feet, and they loved the dark. I realize how stupid this sounds now, but when you're about six years old that short 100 foot walk to the barn at dusk is pretty freaky.

Looking back I probably should have realized that these things were not in the house because obviously it was not dark enough. But, every time I had to walk down the short hall of the trailer to go to the bathroom my sister would give me a helpful warning to watch out for those gargoyles.

If you thought that was bad, you should have been there when she put on that ski mask and chased me

around. All she had to do was put it on right in front of me and I would flip out. For some reason I failed to realize that it was still my sister under there.

No need to worry, this time I defended myself. Those baton lessons came in handy.

Since I don't want my childhood to sound to eerie, I won't mention the time that she tape recorded us screaming in the bathroom with running water in the background.

Anyway, on to the more banal stuff. I guess I should probably tell you how my mom used to play with my sister and I. I guess I'm willing to risk being cut from the will to share these details.

If any of you live in a trailer, you know how cramped they can be. There is really not much room to hide, which makes for a pretty exciting game of chase. I never had to beg my mom to play with me. As a matter of fact, I used to beg her not to.

Once in a while my mom would feel a little frisky and decide to chase my sister and I around the house. She made like a zombie, pulled down her lower eye lids and lumbered behind us while we squealed with delight. Yes, I actually enjoyed being held up in the bathroom with nowhere to go. It was pretty funny when I look back on it now.

My dad was never far behind when it came to scaring his family. He used to turn off all the lights in the house and hide somewhere making low-pitched pig noises. Since I consider scaring people an art form now, I'd have to say my dad

was a master. Just remember, if you're ever with me and you're scared don't show it, I can smell it a mile away.

While I'm at it I might as well mention the happier times. Like when my family used to go to Arthur Treachers to eat, which is in itself torture enough. There's nothing that can bond a family more than a father making gas-like noises with the free balloons. I can actually say that this didn't embarrass me at all. Of course I was only in fourth grade.

So you see, it's times like these that I miss my family, no matter how weird they are. In fact if they weren't as crazy as they are, I wouldn't have anything to write about and I'd probably be a pretty boring person.

If you're stuck here for the holiday weekend, and you're missing you're mama or daddy, just remember all the good times you had with them.

That's right, it's time for me to get all mushy. You know you want to hear it. You made it this far, just hang on.

It's hard to put this all in perspective right now while I'm so young, but hopefully when I have a couple of rug rats of my own I'll be able to look back and be proud of all that strange stuff I was subjected to.

There are plenty of other twisted tales I could tell you, but you might need time to recover from this harrowing experience. I just hope I haven't scared anyone too much. Remember, don't say anything about this. It's just between you and me.

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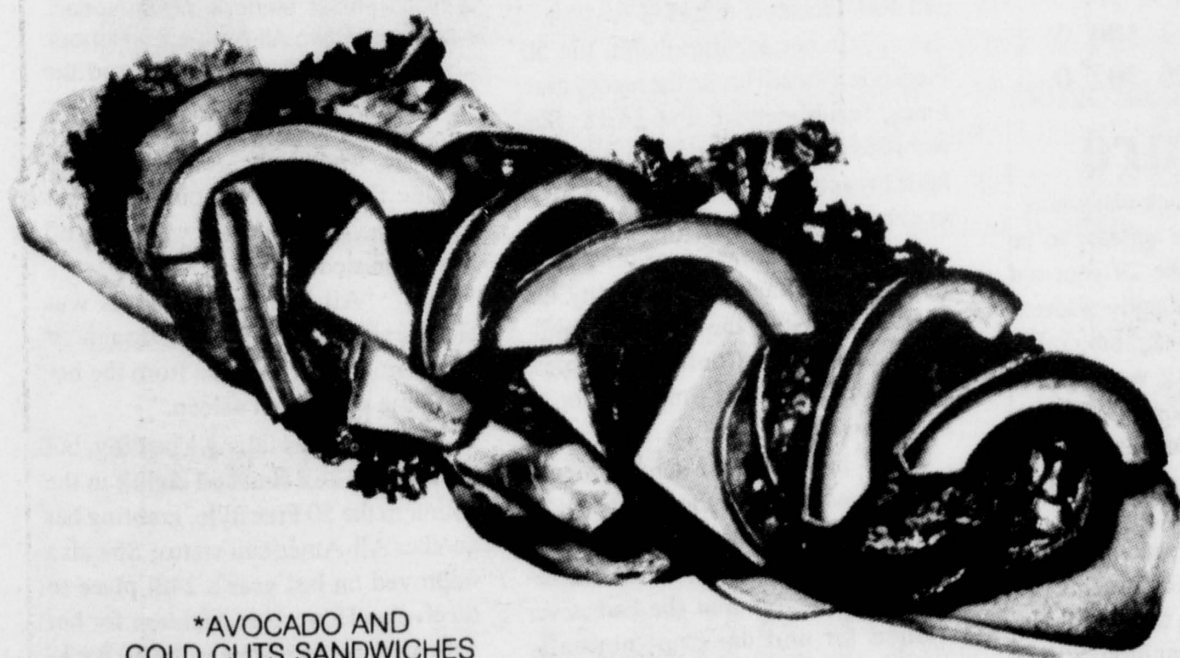
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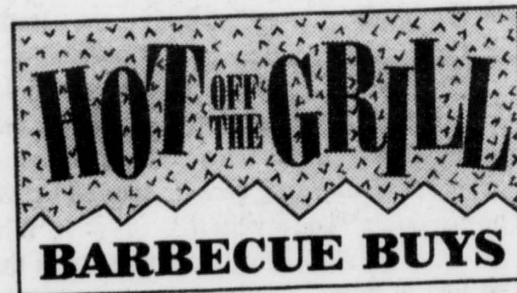
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Men lose first two in PSAC

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mountaineer men's baseball team set another record last Tuesday. It was not a good one.

The Mounties dropped a doubleheader to Millersville last Saturday to open their PSAC league play. This is the first time that Mansfield has lost to Millersville twice in a season since 1989.

The Mountaineers have won the last six PSAC East Championships. They have, however, gotten off to a rough start so far this season.

In Florida, the Mounties went 7-9-1. The first two league losses against Millersville do not help Mansfield's cause at all.

It came down to Millersville heroics for the Marauders to win the

first game. Both teams had five runs on the board when Matt Unger, of Millersville, belted a three run homer with two out in the bottom of the seventh. The three runs clinched the win.

Two Mounties rapped round-trippers as well. Mark Munkittrick of Towanda hit his third dinger of the season, a solo blast in the sixth inning. Scot Wilcox had a solo homerun in the sixth as well.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Mountaineers jumped ahead of Millersville by a score of 6-2. Then Brian Reber smacked two homers, one in the fourth and one in the sixth, for the Marauders. Reber's homeruns pushed Millersville into the lead.

Dean Kroesen had a two-run homer for the Mounties in the first.

With both losses to Millersville the Mounties' record drops to 7-11 overall.

The Mountaineers were ranked 20th in the NCAA Division II poll but have since dropped out of the national rankings.

Mansfield Baseball Head Coach Harry Hilson believes that this season's PSAC championship will be the tightest ever. West Chester University returns from Division I play to the Division II race. Shippensburg, the PSAC defending champs, will be the greatest obstacle for the Mounties to get past.

"This is the most competitive the PSAC East has been from top to bottom since I've been at Mansfield," Hilson said. "There are five teams that have pitching, hitting, and defense to compete and the other two are strong enough that they can knock off anybody on any given day"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

March 29 @ East Stroudsburg

March 31 vs. Bloomsburg
@HOME

April 3 @ Kutztown

MEN'S BASEBALL

March 29 @ Lock Haven

April 1 @ Westchester

April 2 vs. Binghamton
@ HOME

OUTDOOR TRACK

March 29 @ Susquehanna

April 5 @ Ithaca



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Senior Sherry Thompson makes a play at her shortstop position to throw out an opposing runner at first base. The Mountaineer women's softball team won three of 12 games during their annual spring trip to Fort Meyers, Florida.

The Mounties were scheduled to begin PSAC play against Lock Haven last Tuesday. The game, to be played at Helen Lutes Field at Mansfield University, was cancelled because of poor weather conditions. The Mounties next game will be away at East Stroudsburg University to launch their PSAC season.

from SWIMMER, on pg. 1

Once at Mansfield, Noaeill enrolled as a criminal justice major and made waves immediately for Mansfield. In the Mounties first meet against the Rochester Institute of Technology, Noaeill set two school records and won four events overall. It was just the first step on her way back to the National Championship and a neon sign of what was to come.

Noaeill has the name listed next to five individual events and four relay events in Mansfield's record list: The 50 yard Freestyle, 100 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle, 50 Backstroke, 100 Backstroke, and the 200 Medley, 200 and 400 Freestyle relays.

In her favorite event, the 50 Freestyle, Noaeill broke the record nine times, finally setting it at 24.18. She recorded a 28.88 in the 50 Backstroke, after breaking the record three times, or every time she swam it.

It has been a year of "firsts" for Noaeill at Mansfield University. On February 3, 1997, the PSAC committee named her the Conference Athlete of the Week, the first time ever for an MU swimmer.

In 28 races of dual competition, Noaeill touched the board first 27 times. The only time she lost was in the 500 yard Freestyle, an intermediate distance event that she had never trained for and does not normally swim.

According to Coach Heydt, Noaeill is an excellent swimmer because she is an overall very athletic person and extremely strong for her 5'6", 120 pound frame. She also has good stroke mechanics and is a true competitor, refusing to be beaten. But she definitely needed to take this attitude every step of the way as she wanted to make a return to the National Championships.

After the PSAC championships, everything was going well. But when the beginning of March rolled around, Noaeill began to feel tired all



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Junior transfer student, Nikki Noaeill, has earned two All-American Honors. One for the 100 backstroke and the other for the 50 freestyle.

the time, wanting to sleep. On March 12, the first day of national competition, Noaeill did not feel well and still felt exhausted.

"All I did at nationals was sleep, eat, and swim," Noaeill said. "If I got into the car to drive from the hotel to the pool, I fell asleep."

She was taking a beating, but even so she still finished eighth in the nation in the 50 Freestyle, granting her another All-American status. She also improved on last year's 24th place to receive an Honorable Mention for her 15th place performance in the 50 Backstroke.

Despite the personally disappointing finish at the National Championships, Noaeill can still look forward to at least one more award rolling in before the semester is over. She will be named an Academic All-American with a current GPA of 3.10 and can look forward to stepping in at second base for the Mountaineer Softball team.

Noaeill is a tremendous athlete and a competitor. You can be sure to see more of her in the PSAC next season as she looks to improve on her records and make another bid for the top spot in Division II in the Country.

Abbott agonizes over future

special to the Flashlight

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) Jim Abbott knows he's going to do something soon about his floundering baseball career, he just doesn't know what it will be.

"I'm just at home, trying to make the best decision possible," the former Michigan standout told the Orange County Register in Wednesday's editions.

Abbott left the Angels spring training camp Sunday by mutual agreement to ponder his pitching future after the club decided he wasn't in its immediate plans.

"I'm trying to decide what I want out of life, out of my career," he said. "I want what's best for all sides: for me, for my family and for the Angels. Other than that, I haven't been able to focus my energy beyond that."

The options for Abbott, 2-18 with a 7.48 ERA last season, are accepting a minor league assignment from the Angels or declining it, taking his release

and then trying a comeback elsewhere.

Retirement also appears to be a possibility, although the 29-year-old Abbott would not specifically address that issue, other than to say his comeback attempt this spring was greatly spurred by wearing an Angels uniform.

"What was clear to me," he said, "was that a lot of my motivation was to do it for the Angels."

Abbott is in the second year of a three-year, \$7.8 million contract. Even if the Angels release him, they would be obligated to pay him \$2.6 million in 1997 and \$3 million in 1998.

His agent, Scott Boras, dismissed published reports that implied a settlement was being discussed.

"Jim hasn't made a decision yet," Boras said, "so, obviously, we haven't had any discussions referring to anything."

Abbott had a 13.50 ERA this spring and had walked 11 in his last 52-3 innings.

"I just kind of feel like I ran into a wall, like time ran out," Abbott said, adding that he may have a decision to announce in the next few days.

The return of Mountaineer Outdoors

by Alan Houck
outdoors columnist

Back again, from the forested hills of Tioga County, the rugged Mountaintops of the Big Rift, and the raging waters of the mighty Mill Creek. I bring tales of outdoor adventure, from sportsman afield, to observing the trials of nature among predator and prey. During the course of last year, Mountaineer Outdoors was a brief interlude into my personal outdoor journal of activities and fascinations.

My schedule has been quite steady with coaching the Mansfield Wrestling Tigers, academics and the hunting seasons, but for a limited time only features will now appear. I was pleased with the positive input of my peers about the article last season and as a tribute to my fellow outdoors man I shall return.

Looking ahead towards the spring I foresee a slim spring gobbler season, with low harvests and vast confusion. Where were all the birds during the fall? I was fortunate enough to locate some with my Dr. Darby, and harvest one, but the lack of sign really frustrated me. With some of my colleagues scouting and scampering the hillsides, turkeys were at a minimum. A true sign of turkey activity is scratching.

A turkey's instinct is to scratch the ground, either they have found new methods of obtaining food or just plain disappeared from our lands. In the fall of 1995 turkeys made their presence known, but this year they were ghosts. Some event in Penn's Woods occurred that took a strangle hold on the birds, but what it was nobody has a clue.

Perhaps it may have been the spring thaws and rain that may have wiped out broods, or could it be that "Wiley coyote". My advice would be to hone your skills on taking that spring gobbler, because your season just may be filled with competition and frustration.

To those who know me, Beaver trapping is one of my hobbies that I take pride in during the winter months. This season was no exception, for I traipsed into my favorite beaver pond among the serenity of the high mountains and towering white pines. I harvested a magnificent specimen weighing close to fifty pounds, while missing quite a few due to poor trap placement.

I found it rewarding though, for when I checked my two #330, and found either an empty trap or a miss, it built a foundation and I quickly learned the rights and wrongs. Beavers were plentiful and so was my competition among the streams and ponds around the Mansfield area.

Hopefully, like last season an extension will be enforced by the Game Commission, and that I may partake in the trials of setting for and skinning my most respected engineer.

Being outdoors has been a great passion of mine, and my mission is not to massacre and declare annihilation on any creatures that provide an opportunity to harvest. It is those individuals which freely discuss their intentions and enforce them that ruin a positive outlet for others like myself.

I don't go out to kill, but merely to control a species to ensure its survival and continuation among our lands. I am a sportsman, an individual with respect towards my quarry. We are all sportsman.

Fijian Rugby players get physical

HONG KONG (AP) — Three Fijian rugby players were acquitted Thursday of charges that they molested women as they walked through the streets of Hong Kong, government-owned radio reported.

Magistrate Amanda Woodcock said she believed the three alleged victims, Hong Kong Chinese women, were indecently assaulted, but the evidence against the accused was not conclusive, the radio said. Woodcock was told earlier that Save Lutumailagi, 23, touched a woman's breast as they walked toward each other in the crowded commercial district of Causeway Bay on Tuesday, the South China Morning Post reported.

Manoa Kasamaivomo, 26, and Meli Nakauta, 27, faced similar charges of indecent assault related to other incidents the same day, the paper said.

But the radio said Woodcock was concerned about the identification of the suspects. It said she noted that one of the women had said all black men looked alike to her.

She also doubted whether the women got the sequence of events correct, or whether they were entirely sure what each of the accused allegedly did, radio said.

Woodcock was not satisfied the three accused could be proven guilty beyond all reasonable doubt, the radio said.

The men came to Hong Kong with a Fijian team to play in a rugby tournament.

Munkittrick and Robertson: two keys to Mountie success



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Mark Munkittrick is a two time All-East transfer student from Shippensburg University. He will be moving into the right field spot, adding some more swat to an already heavy-hitting Mountaineer line-up. Munkittrick is considered by many as the best all-around player in the PSAC. He was the mainstay of the Mountie offense during the Florida trip. Munkittrick went 12-19 and knocked in six RBI's for the Mounties.

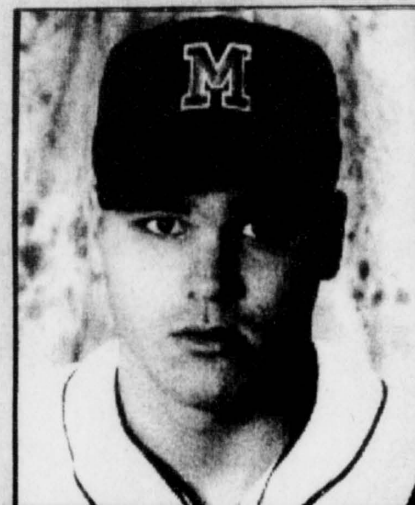


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Greg Robertson, a junior second baseman, is one of the best power hitters that the Mansfield men's baseball team has had. The right hander was the first baseball player in school history to be picked as an All-American in his sophomore season. He was chosen as first team All-American last year as well. Robertson was picked as a pre-season All-American for this season.

Robertson, 6'0" and 195 pounds hails from Williamsport, Pennsylvania and was a graduate of Williamsport High School.

The Mountaintop

Mountie athletes reaching for the peak of success



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Alicia Schirato, a junior second baseman, has racked up a .267 batting average during the first 12 games of the women's softball season. Schirato has banded out four hits in 15 at bats and had one RBI. She has started six of the nine games the Mountaineers played while in Pensacola, Florida. Schirato hails from Lebanon Pennsylvania and graduated as the Female Athlete of the year from Lebanon High School. Schirato is a dual major in psychology and Criminal Justice.

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"Parallel Lives" intersect in Straughn Auditorium

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

To close "Women's Art and Culture Week" Mansfield University presented "Parallel Lives: The Kathy and Mo Show" to a full house Thursday night in Straughn Hall.

The play, written by Mo Gaffney and Kathy Najimy and performed by Susan Guinter and Angelique Hawkes, consists of a series of seven comic vignettes which take a pro-feminist stance while poking fun at almost all aspects of female life.

The content of the play was humorous but most of the jokes were constructed in a cliché way. The audience seemed to laugh whenever a joke was delivered which meant that the jokes were at least understandable.

The play seemed at times to be a soapbox for feminism which in itself is not a bad thing but it seemed to take away from the artistic validity of the play. It's impossible for a piece of art to be totally devoid of any political stance but art should not be compromised in order to advance a cause.

A number of the vignettes that were presented did not sound like they were written to promote feminism but their basic overtone did contain feminism. Those seemed to be the best of all seven of the vignettes however each was unique and all of the characters have their own qualities.

"It's very challenging because there are so many different parts," Hawkes said. "You have to put everything you have into every character and still make them stand out in their own way."

According to Hawkes, her and Guinter have been performing the play since July of 1995.

"This was actually an abbreviated performance," Hawkes said of Thursday night's production. "The full show takes about an hour to an hour and a half."

"We did the play for three nights at Lycoming College," Hawkes said. "Someone who saw it liked it and we've done it about four more times in the past two years."

According to Guinter, her and Hawkes have been performing together since August of 1992 when the two of them were cast together in a play.

"We played sisters in a play called 'Crimes of the Heart,'" Guinter said. "We've been friends ever since."

According to Guinter, this is not the only play that the two of them performed together.

"We've been in about five plays together," Guinter said.

The play was performed without an intermission on a small stage without any set changes. There were also very few props that were used and what was used ranged from a blanket to different clothes.

This lack of props worked well



photo by Brent McCallus

Susan Guinter (left) and Angelique Hawkes confide in one another during Thursday's performance of "Parallel Lives".

with the play because of the intimacy that the small stage commanded.

Both of the actresses in the play have very powerful voices and are able to articulate well. Both can also emulate different accents with great ease.

The two seem to be very comfortable with each other and are able to feed off of the other. This was evident in the fluency of their delivery and the sense of comradery that they instill in the audience.

"I like all of the characters because each one is so different," Guinter said. "There are no two characters that are the same."

The play as a whole does work but the presentation was probably the best part of the entire production.

All of the timing was right on and the conviction of the actresses was there but the play has either something missing or too much of another thing.

Both of the actresses have been involved in the theater for a number of years.

"I started doing acting from about the time I was born," Guinter said. "I used to act with my friends on my front porch for the kids from the neighborhood. But I've been doing acting for real for about twenty years."

According to Hawkes, she has not been in acting for quite as long.

"I started in community theater and I've been in acting for about sixteen years," Hawkes said.

Hawkes also said that she has done more with the theater than acting.

"I've also directed a number of plays," Hawkes said. "I always said that I would never direct but I ended up doing so and I've even directed Susan. I would have to say that I enjoy acting more though because I like making the connection with the audience."



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Gunter (left) and Hawkes perform "Parallel Lives" Thursday night in Straughn Auditorium. The two have performed together in five plays.

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Monday 3/31/97

2:30 pm Softball at home vs.
Bloomsburg at Lutes Field
Tuesday 4/1/97

8 am Classes resume

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1 pm Baseball away at West Chester
4 pm Women's and co-ed recreational
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Band/Orchestra Festival in Steadman
Theatre

Wednesday 4/2/97

Band/Orchestra Festival in Steadman
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Baseball at home vs. SUNY

Thursday 4/3/97

Band/Orchestra Festival
1 pm International Discussion Hour in
MLK Center

Friday 4/4/97

7 pm Kevin Embury Senior Saxophone
Recital in Steadman Theatre
10 pm- 2 am Zanzibar Program
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Saturday 4/5/97

1 pm Baseball away at Kutztown

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Indoor/Outdoor track away at Ithaca
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Sunday 4/6/97

1 pm Softball at home vs. Millersville
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Recital
8 pm Matthew Kanon Junior Guitar
Recital in Steadman Theatre

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The Trashlight

"All the news fit to trash, with all the people fit to bash"

Prod Belchner: "I am El Presidente no more!!"

Former internet porn mongrol canned due to athletics hording all university funds

by Jagged Liver
staff drunk

"Goddamit, how much equipment could they possibly need?!!"

These words were heard echoing throughout North Hall early this morning as former president Prod Belchner packed up his belongings.

Belchner was handed his walking papers due to a lack of university funds.

"I can't believe this," Belchner screamed as he kicked holes in his offices walls.

Apparently, there are huge cut-backs planned in addition to the firing of Belchner.

"Yeah, I won't be the only one screwed over by this one" Belcher, who at this point was trying to shove his oak desk into a napsack said. "Do you think those schmucks will let me take this with me?"

Belchner got the boot after athletics demanded more of the universities money.

"Athletics absolutly can't do without an additional five million dollars in funding next year" Roger Mayonaise, athletic director said.

"So the old man gets an early retirement, so what? At least my boys get to eat" Joe Diavella, football cash screamed.

"When they kept asking for



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Belchner replacement Theodore Calcint III. Calcint had to accept a five dollar per week allowance for the job.

more funding, I thought it was just going to hurt the other students, but I never dreamed it would ever affect us" Joe

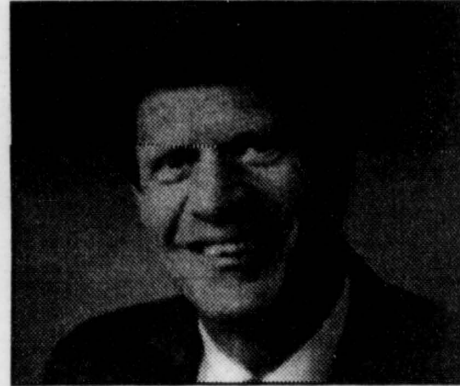


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Former president Prod Belchner is going to "kick some ass" over his recent firing.

Molesto weeped.

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Whips, chains and screams for mercy fill Allen

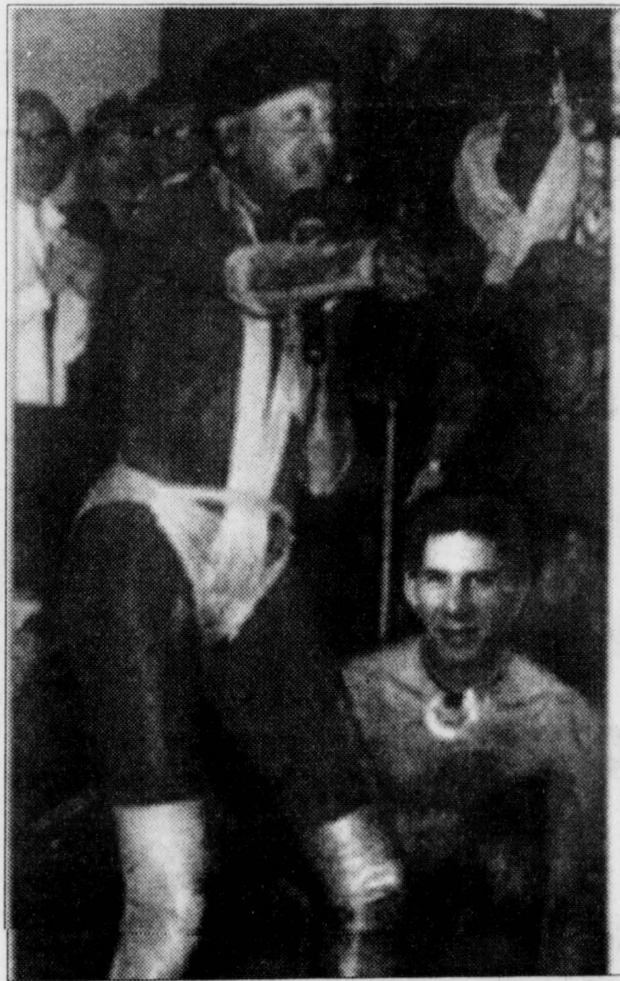


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Included in the photo above are (left to right) Bobby Peals, wannabe dominatrix and Joe Boore, wannabe provost. Peals and Boore whipped, whipped, whipped the night away. When asked how he managed to stay kneeling for so long beside Peals, Boore answered, "I'm wearing the same kneepads I bought when I decided to go that extra mile and get my present job at the university."

by Ginger and
Sam "Ace" Rothstien
staff jerk offs

On Wednesday evening Bobby Peals made another guest appearance to Mansfield University, this time in high heel satin boots and thong underwear that went up to cover his chest. It was a nice private gathering in Allen Lecture Hall, hosted by Dr. Joe Boore.

"Most of this University sucks!" said Peals, "but I just love my little love bunny Joe Boore."

Boore, who was dressed in nothing but a black leather G-string, did not have much to say last evening except, "Oh, yes don't stop big daddy." For most of the evening Boore just sat at the feet of his dominator/sugar daddy, and received his punishment for being a bad boy, while a jam-packed Allen Hall cheered orgasmically.

After it became apparent that Boore was not going to be a good boy, Peals removed several items from a small black bag. Included in the bag were leather whips and a three foot long chain. The items were later used in an indiscriminate way on the event host.

"I will tame my love bunny, even if it means that I can't wear high heels," said Peals.

Aside from spanking and using ben-wal balls on Boore, Peals was also trying to sell his new book, "Cooking with Bondage." In the book, Peals describes his new line of erotic recipes that can be made with a persons dominatrix.

"I have all kinds of recipies that will make everybody happy, including my pop tart, Joe," said Peals. "I think I have the largest selection of erotic recipies this side of the Rockies."

Some of the recipes included are, "Apples and Buns Delight," "Oh, So Gooley Cinnamon Buns," "Lots of Lovin' Lemonade," "Oh, So Juicy Foot Long Hot Dogs," and the most successful of all, "Basted Rump Roast."

"I've personally tried all of these wonderful recipes, and they have all left a good taste in my mouth,"

said Boore, while smiling at Peals.

Besides Peals trying to sell his new book, he also talked how he and Boore came into each others company.

"Well, one day I was walking a road near my house, and I saw a delicious hunk of a man picking gum off of my neighbors shoe," said Peals. "It was a complete turn on for me to see such a gorgeous man doing this, my only response was, 'Oh yeah, I gotta have that.'"

There was only one response from Boore on his relationship with Peals. "Oh, please stop teasing me you silly."

These words, however, were the last words out of Boores mouth for the night, because Peals stuffed an apple in his mouth.

"My man of steel and I are going to make a fortune and ride bareback all the way to the west coast"

Bobby Peals

"That is the last word out of your filthy mouth my twinkle toe," said Peals. He continued by telling Boore to straighten out his satin nighty under his bra.

According to Peals, his book has been selling like hotcakes.

"Boy, with all the cash I make from this, old Joey boy and me can move to San Francisco and get some real loven."

In related news, Peals said he and Boore are on a new diet.

"The two of us are really working each other hard. We want to make our bodies hard through intense physical fun, if you know what I mean." With this Peals gave Boores chain a hard yank and Boores yelped at Peals' heel.

"My book can be found in almost any adult book store in the country," said Peals. "My man of steel (Boore) and I are going to make a fortune and ride bare back all the way to the west coast."

EDITORS NOTE

This is a disclaimer. Basically, we're writing this to protect the Flashlight's ass from being sued for libel. The first two and last two pages of this issue are the sixth annual April Fool's Day edition of the Flashlight called the Trashlight. For best results, remove the cover/backpage of this edition. Inside you will find an actual edition of the Flashlight chock full of news, sports, features and general rambling.

The Trashlight is not to be taken seriously by anyone. We at the Flashlight work hard all year to bring the students of Mansfield University the best possible newspaper we can. We publish the Trashlight to let off some steam and have some fun. No harm is meant.

If you have any comments about the Trashlight, we would love to hear them. Drop them off at 217 Memorial Hall. If you have truly taken offense, maybe you should join the Flashlight and make some changes. If not, quit whining. It will only prove to everyone that you have a sense of humor.

- Gene Yager
Trashlight editor

CAC goes woolly over getting good concert



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Sock maker extraordinaire, Brian Slurpy pictured above with his spinning wheel and his hard earned wool.

by Diesel Bitchmama
staff bouncer

Due to a lack of funds the Cansfield Activities Council will not be able to afford a concert for the spring '97 semester.

According to CAC president David Bowie, CAC is still trying to think of ways to raise money to have a band come to Cansfield.

"We need at least \$10,000 to have a band come and play here," Bowie said. "Now the university has to go and screw things up. If we don't pull this one off I'm going to firebomb the new rec center."

Bowie said that in order to raise the needed funds to have the concert some of the CAC members are doing fundraisers themselves.

"Brian Slurpy is performing a fundraiser that he thought of all by himself," Bowie said. "I'm so proud of him."

According to Slurpy, CAC movie chair, he is making different textile products and selling them.

"I'm making sweaters and quilts from scratch and selling them at rock bottom prices to students and faculty," Slurpy said. "So far I've made

about \$3 and a couple of caps from beer bottles."

According to Slurpy, sales will begin to pick up.

"Once people realize that I'm putting out a quality product everyone will be crashing down my door," Slurpy said. "I'm going to create the biggest monopoly the world has ever seen."

Slurpy said that his new found hobby may very well become a profession or even an obsession.

"I'm going to quit school and make this my full time job from now on," Slurpy said. "I eat, sleep and breathe yarn. This is my chance to make a name for the family like grandmother always wanted."

Slurpy said that although he likes his choice of profession it does have its drawbacks.

"I can't stand collecting the wool from the sheep," Slurpy said. "You have to get to be friends with the sheep before they'll give you their wool."

According to Slurpy there are many ways to do this but there is one way that he prefers above all others.

"I like to sleep with the sheep for a couple of nights," Slurpy said. "It's the only way I can feel good about taking something from them. I like to give something back."

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00:01 Revocation of parking plate.

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00:06 Smoke break.

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05:19 Fight at Cedarcrest.

Bets taken at 4 to 1 odds.

06:30 One of the officers passed out. Too much booze.

07:00 Assisted local police with stray cow on N. Academy St.

08:07 Strippers arrive.

08:45 Revocation of paddling privileges. Somebody's been naughty.

09:11 Somebody's been really naughty. Janitors called.

09:15 Strippers get really

pissed. Boston is not the home of whipped cream.

09:37 Nothing happens.

12:00 Liquid lunch.

13:16 Smoke break.

14:47 Something happens.

15:69 Pastrami!

18:00 New episode of American Gladiators.

18:30 Everybody's parking plate is revoked!

18:31 Belchner demands parking plate back.

TRASHLIGHT

Gene "I'll eat some Jesus" Yager

Josh "I got him in the ass" Cusatis

Joe "I'm gonna flip Sparky" Wagner

Joey "12 hours from now I'm gonna be suckin' ass" West

Michelle "Who the hell took my beer" Wilson

Thom "I'm the biggest good for nothing asshole this organization has" Jones

Krissy "I don't think he could get through this bra" Dennis

Peggy "I'm not in the office enough to have a quote" Sottel

Brent "I always squeezed his nuts" McCallus

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Recreation Center to open by end of May ... 2097 !

By Anita Beer
staff dull edge

In a surprise press conference given sometime in the last week University president Prod Belchner said that the new Fun and Recreation Center will be finished a little late. About 100 years late.

According to Belchner, there will be no more work done to the new building for another few decades.

"All construction on the new rec center will be halted as of immediately," Belchner said. "The way you see it will be the way it will stay."

Belchner also said that the rec center will not be opened to the students of the University.

"No one is to ever enter the center," Belchner said. "It will be locked at the end of this conference."

According to Belchner, this is not a new decision but part of a grandmaster plan to help make the building a success when the MU finally decides to open it.

"We had planned it from the start that the building would never be finished or opened to the public during

this century," Belchner said. "We wanted to keep this part a secret so that we could have this huge press conference."

According to Belchner, the flashy top secret plan for the building doesn't end there. It appears that the university learned from the great success of the reopening of North Hall and has decided to let the building age like a fine wine.

"We are going to leave the building derelict for around a hundred years or so," Belchner said. "Then we are going to renovate it and have a huge opening when the building is an antique."

He added, "the University has a certain track record with its buildings. We just want to live up to our reputation."

According to Belchner, this story has a tragic ending.

"She broke her neck on the ceiling and fell to her death," Belchner said. "Now we have another ghost on our bloody hands."

Belchner said that despite the sadness of the death, at least the university will have another urban legend like Sarah, the ghost of North



Photo by Bent MicadeeCullus

Students gather outside waiting for the grand opening of the Fun and Recreation Center. However, they may have a long wait as President Rod Belchner has decided to wait another hundred years to open the building so it will be antique and have an old world charm. "Hey, it worked for North Hall," Belchner said.

Hall.

"It adds a little bit of medieval charm to the university," Belchner said, adding, "We're not even going to bother telling her parents. They'll find out sooner or later. God knows the Trashlight will probably forget to even report on it."

It is rumored that students have already begun a Save the Rec Center campaign to get the university to restore it. "It's working out great," Belchner said. "maybe by the time it is opened it will be the Prod Belchner Fun and Recreation Center."

Mansfield adopts new "smokem if you got them" drug policy

by Lighter N. Spoon
staff track marks

Mansfield University has gone ahead and changed its drug policy on campus. The new policy, which is called, "Drugs: If You Got'em, Use Em," has already gone into effect. The new rule is that drugs of all kinds may be used anywhere on campus, according to Joe Molesto, vice president of affairs with student.

The new policy is in sharp contrast to that of the federal government though. Molesto's said that he does not give a crap what the federal government

thinks.

"F'em," said Molesto, "This is my campus. I can do any damn thing I want to. As far as I'm concerned, I'm the big man on campus while Belchner is gone. If the governor wants to send troops, then I am going to kick their ass's, all of them. Screw em."

Molesto is referring to MU President Prod Belchner being on vacation for a month and the governor of Pennsylvania.

"What do I care, I am here for the kids. If they want to get high or baked or what ever they do now, so be it. In fact I am going to set up special drug sharing nights at 'The Hut.' This will get people to

start going back up there."

Molesto also said, "The new 'Drugs Are Fun, Come And Share' night at 'The Hut' will be expanded to every night just as soon as the students start to sell themselves and their stereo equipment. It's a perfect place for the student to get high"

"This is sure going to make my job a lot easier" said Clarence Crispy, director of activities for student.

"Gosh, I am relieved for the new rule," said Crispy, "Hey, I've been addicted to cookies for years, what's another addiction going to do to me now."

The Director of Purchases Department Tekeste Abrams said, "We are going to start buying all sorts of pipes, bowls, bonges and needles for the students.

This is sure a great time to be a MU student."

Following this Abrams packed a bowl of some home grown weed and got baked till he had to go and get something to eat. "I got this shit from a fraternity house down the street, this is some bad shit."

Student reaction to the new policy has been to give the school the go ahead.

"Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha, what hell are you talking about, I thought it was already Ok to do drugs on campus. Let me tell you this, twenty minutes ago I smoked three fatty's (big fat joints using 1 1/2 inch rolling paper) with my R.A." said Mary Jane High, a junior.

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Students rally for bubble boy

By Jamie Escalante
staff trainee

On April 1, 1997, FBBN (Free Bubble Boy Now) staged a protest outside of Butler room 210. The protest was staged to inform the public of the gross infringements of Bubble Boy's liberty by the University.

According to FBBN President Professor Mark Nobarge, the organization is committed to freeing Bubble Boy Seth Hamsted from captivity.

"It is incomprehensible that he should be held!" proclaimed Nobarge. "It is a gross violation of the fourth, fifth and seventy-sixth Amendments!"

Seth Hamsted, commonly referred to as Bubble Boy because of the way he takes classes via a big screen TV while sitting in a bubble in Wellsboro, has only recently expressed his dissatisfaction with his treatment.

President Prod Belchner spoke in a husky tone at a recent press conference about Bubble Boy.

"I do not think incomprehensible means what he thinks it means," said Belchner. "Besides, the issue isn't human rights. Its about our MFN status with Wellsboro High Correctional Facility. We have a most prosperous agreement with our friends in Wellsboro and I don't want

some kid in a bubble to screw it up!"

Mansfield University has had a MFN (Most Favorite Nonacademic teaching institution) treaty with Wellsboro High Correctional facility for several years. According to Provost Joseph Bore, the agreement allows Wellsboro to station an inmate in a bubble for rehabilitational reasons. The inmate is exposed to classes at the U through a sophisticated video conferencing system.

"I think it's rather obvious that we profit from this exchange," said Bore. "I think we can easily weigh the responsibilities between the University's stance on human rights and the economic considerations we get for Bubble Boy. I don't think its right to jump to snap decisions about something as important as this."

Provost Bore had a lot more to say but a bear ate him.

FBBN is expected to organize another protest before finals week.

"It doesn't matter what happens to us," screamed a hyperventilating Nobarge. "The only thing that matters is what happens to Bubble Boy! He needs his freedom! My CJA (Criminal Justice majors Against drunk driving) class is behind me all the way! They have befriended Bubble Boy. He is a part of my class as surely as any student! He must be free!"

Athletic big cheese joins wrestling federation

By Jock Itch
Athletic Supporter

Roger Mayonaisner has an itch that he just cannot scratch—that is until now. Ever since he was a child, Mayonaisner has wanted to be a professional wrestler.

"When I was a little kid I made my mom sewed me a mask out of an old pillow case," Mayonaisner said. "I colored it red with crayons and cut eye and mouth holes in it. Then I would run around the neighborhood in nothing but my mask and my Superman underwear. Oh yeah!"

Now Mayonaisner's dreams have been realized. Just recently Mayonaisner has signed a contract with the World Wrestling Federation (WWF). He has already seen limited action in the WWF against lesser known wrestlers such as Rick Ratchett and Deric Domino.

"Brother, I can't wait to get my

hands on Hollywood Hogan and some of those other pukes. I'm really feeling it, oh yeah!" Mayonaisner said.

When asked about what drew him to join the WWF Mayonaisner replied with a number of reasons.

"Those big sweaty guys in them little bitty spandex briefs really get my juices flowing. And I love the smell of perspiration and blood caked onto the canvas mat," Mayonaisner said. "But you know what really got me stoked was when the World Wide Wrestling Alliance (WWWA) came to Decker Gymnasium. I really wanted a piece of Jim the Anvil Neidhart. He was walking around like some big tough guy. Everybody knows I'm the only bad-ass on campus."

Mayonaisner is not the only University faculty member to step into the squared circle. Axelrander Pushyerbushin, a Fullmoon Scholar from Russia, has also joined the WWF.

"I had to wrestle very large



Cossack women for spare bread crumbs when I was back in my mother country. I am thinking that I will do very well in this WWF," Pushyerbushin said.

Recently the two wrestlers made a pact of truce, joining forces to become Tioga County's only tag-team wrestling tandem.

"I was hoping on getting Clarence Crispy or Wally Sadmaker, or some real mean guy to be my partner. But I guess that Pushyerbushin will make a decent teammate...just as long as he doesn't talk any of his Commie Pinko Philosophy," Mayonaisner said. "Since

we live in such a rural area I think we'll call ourselves the Tioga Big Tough Guys."

Mayonaisner, as well as Pushyerbushin, has been working on patenting his own wrestling moves.

"I've got this move where I just stare at my opponent. I look really pissed off and try to scare the bejesus out of the other guy by giving him this mean assed glare," Mayonaisner said. "Then, when I have him paralyzed with fear, I run up to him, knock him over and jump on his face. Oh yeah! I've been working on my pissed off look for years now."

Lynch mob finds professor guilty as charged

by Crash Ripcock
toilet scrubber

University professor of philosophy Dr. Robert Dimko was found guilty on charges of burglary by a Trioga Lynch mob last Wednesday.

According to University president Rod Belchner, Dimko broke into his house to retrieve the only known copy of Dimko's Canadian Manifesto.

"He (Dimko) insists that I stole his stupid manifesto in an attempt to overthrow the Canadian government," Belchner said. "He's been on me about my supposed maniacal tendencies for

years now. I could care less about that idiotic country."

Belchner said that he is unsure why Dimko never made another copy of his manifesto.

"If it's so important to him then why didn't he print out another copy of it when he was done typing it," Belchner said. "I never understood his mode of thinking."

According to Belchner, he is satisfied with the sentence that Dimko received from the mob.

"He's was supposed to be deported back to his dumb country," Belchner said. "They wouldn't take him though. Apparently, they hate him as

much as we do."

Since Canada will not take Dimko back he is reportedly being deported to Nicaragua Belchner said.

"I'm just glad to be rid of the imbecile," Belchner said. "I don't have to hear anymore of his boring hockey stories."

According to Dimko, he still plans to spread the word contained in his manifesto.

"I'm not going to let a minor setback like this hinder my plans for the Canadian conquest of the planet," Dimko said. "I have a mission here on Earth and that's to let everyone painfully aware that Canadians are a superior race.

They also have the best beer on the face of this world."

Dimko said that he will continue his life's work no matter what the situation may be.

"I'll preach from a stick hut if I have to," Dimko said. "It's not like I'm going to let a simple matter of not having anything to eat ruin my schemes."

According to Belchner, even though Dimko is out of the picture it may not be forever.

"If I ever see that moron again I'm going to body slam him," Belchner said. "I cannot believe the arrogance he has. Even when he knows that the U.S. could destroy Canada in a second."



Photo by Seymour Peepee

Jedi master, Leron Vapps, confronted his former campadre and delinquent school roommate, Earl James Jones in the middle of what was supposed to be a beautiful reunion. Vapps believes that both Jones and the dark side of the force are the reason that the new MU Fun and Recreation building is still not open and whipped out his saber to show everybody who was the "bigger man."

Calendar

Monday: Clarence Crispy bake off in Memorial.

Tuesday: Prod Belchner goes on vacation again.

Wednesday: Daylight savings- Set clocks back.

Thursday: 25th annual whiffle ball tournament.

Friday: Rally for bubble boy held in town square

Saturday: Student government admits to being completely worthless

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Winnie may run unopposed in SGA elections

Campus wide vote to take place on April 16th, 17th

by Joey West
 staff reporter

The Mansfield University Student Government Association is scheduled to hold its annual election on April 16th and 17th, according to MU administration. Positions involved in the election include SGA president, vice president and senator.

As of press time, there was only one candidate running for SGA president and only one running for SGA vice presi-

dent.

"As of (Thursday)...twelve applications are in for senate, and one each for president and vice president," said Joe Maresco, vice president of student affairs.

The only team running for president and vice-president is composed of presidential candidate Steve Winnie and vice-presidential candidate Michelle Hosey.

Winnie is currently the speaker for SGA and a member of the Committee on Financing and Hosey is currently

SGA recording secretary and also a member of the COF.

Students interested in running for any SGA position can pick up applications at the SGA office in 214 Memorial Hall and drop off their applications in 516 North Hall. The deadline for submitting applications for any SGA position is Monday, April 7.

Besides the election to be held on April 16th and 17th, there will be another election held for incoming freshman and transfer students so that they may also participate in the election.



photo by Megan Sallade

SGA presidential candidate Steve Winnie.

MU Spring Fling to be held next week

by Gene Yager
 managing editor

Spring Fling, a newly created entertainment filled extravaganza is coming to Mansfield University.

The week long cornucopia of events, from the 21st of April through the 26th, will be sponsored by Mansfield Activities Council, and is anticipated to be a success.

"I think it's going to be a good thing," Bryan Murphy, MAC chairperson said, "It is pretty much what we wanted Livestock to be last year."

Although Livestock, which had been an annual event at MU will not be held this year, Eddie Gorman, chairperson of MAC thinks that other events will successfully take its place.

"Maplefest is going to be doing their battle of the bands and we felt we should go in a different direction" Gorman said.

According to Murphy, the demise of Livestock was not planned by MAC.

"It was never really discussed to replace Livestock with Spring Fling, it just happened that way," Murphy said.

Included in the week will be a hypnotist, as well as a band from England.

"I think the astonishing Neal hypnosis show should prove to be successful," Cindy Albano, who is also a



photo provided

The band "Leticia" will be performing at this year's Spring Fling next week.

MAC chairperson said, "I also think the English band Latisha should go over well."

According to Gorman, also included in the week will be a 3 on 3 basketball game on the 22nd of April. First prize for the game will be \$25.



photo provided

Hypnotist, the Astonishing Neal, will appear at this year's Spring Fling next week. Neal has been interviewed on television by Oprah Winfrey and Maury Povich. Neal has driven a car 100 miles per hour completely blindfolded. Neal also claims he has bent solid steel spikes with the power of just his mind.

Spring Fling Schedule

Friday, April 18

Semi-formal at Corey Creek.

Saturday & Sunday, April 19&20

101 Dalmatians in Allen Hall.

Monday, April 21

The Astonishing Neal. Hypnotist in Steadman.

Tuesday, April 22

3 on 3 basketball tournament in Decker.

Wednesday, April 23

Band "Leticia" at Coffeehouse.

Friday, April 25

"Splash" party at Decker followed by Zanzibar. (co-sponsored by SGA)

Saturday, April 26

"Laser Tag" in South Hall Mall.

Changes made to 97-98 year class schedule

■ Academic holidays cut down; student orientation day added

by Krissy Dennis
 features editor

In order to balance out the fall and spring semesters, the upcoming university calendar for the 1997-1998 academic year will undergo many changes, including the addition of an academic orientation day and a cut in vacation times.

Among the changes are a three day fall break instead of the usual four, the addition of an academic orientation day on the first day of classes, and a shortened Easter break during the spring semester.

The new schedule changes were proposed by university provost, Dr. Joseph Moore, and were then modified by representatives from the Student Government Association, faculty, and students.

"Students were very influential in the final outcome of this," Moore said.

According to Moore the non-mandatory academic orientation day will be open to all students and will take the place of all scheduled morning classes, with all classes beginning after 4pm being held as usual.

The session will give new students the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff, upper classmen, various campus organizations, and give them an opportunity to hear a review of campus policies, programs, and requirements, Moore said.

"They will be able to see the full range of activities available to them here," Moore said. "I'd like to see all employees and students together to start the year off."

According to Joseph Maresco, Vice President of Student Affairs, the academic orientation day is an extension of the weekend to welcome new students.

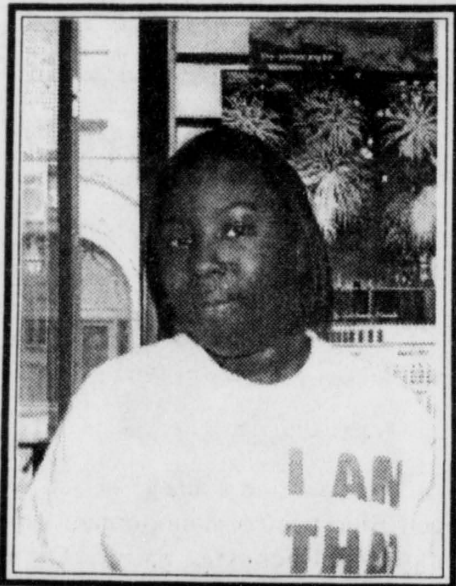
According to Maresco, the new academic orientation day will "make the total experience to students more meaningful."

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CAMPUS VOICES

by Akeelah Brooks

"Would you rather have a concert or a comedian for the spring semester?"



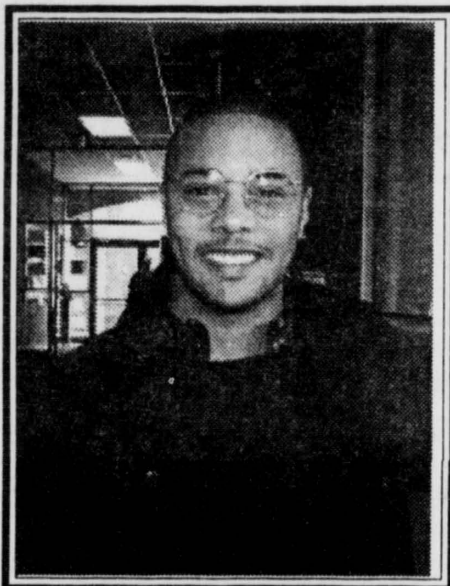
Mia Ellis
sophomore

"I believe that we should have a concert because it is more work for me to do."



Angie McKee
sophomore

"It depends on what kind of concert."



Philip Crisp
sophomore

"We should have a concert because it would bring more people more money."



Gerald Bailey
junior

"I think a comedian is better but only if it's Gallagher or George Carlin."

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"We are trying to set an atmosphere so new students who are apprehensive will feel a warm and inviting environment," Maresco said. "Monday [students] move into a transition. There is a heavy dose of getting ready academically."

Maresco stressed the importance of student organizations participating in the academic orientation day as they will be able to set up tables and make themselves open to student questions.

"Organizations depend on opportunities to market themselves," Maresco said. "It is a chance for new stu-

dents to get a good overview of what is available."

According to Moore, the Easter holiday, which traditionally gave students the Monday after Easter off from school, will be cut over religious reasons.

"We are a public institution and should be supportive of many religious beliefs," Moore said. "We should not be using the schedule to endorse one religion in favor of another. Public institutions function well when they steer clear of that."

According to Maresco, the students who celebrate Easter will have to make sure that they are responsible and take care of any classes that they miss because of the holiday.

Police Beat

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18:10 Report of theft.

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11:18 Revocation of parking privileges.

11:20 Revocation of parking privileges.

11:23 Revocation of parking privileges.

11:26 Revocation of parking privileges.

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Boston pop band signed to play coffeehouse

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

On Wednesday, April 16 at 9 pm the professional band known as Division St. will play at MU as part of the Mansfield Activities Council's Coffeehouse.

"It's nice to hear good music for a change, an album essential to anyone looking to get away from the alternative sound," said Elton John about the band in a pre-released statement.

Mansfield Activities Council concert chair Cindy Albano reflects this sentiment.

"They're hard to describe," Albano said. "They sort of remind me of Peter Dinklage. They're folksy pop. I've been listening to their CD ever since we got it. I'm really excited they're coming."

According to the press kit, critics are raving about the band too.

"Division St., a pop band with smarts and endless hook-laden tunes," said Steve Morse of the Boston Globe in a pre-released statement.

According to the press kit, the band was nominated for Outstanding New Rock Band in Boston by the Boston Music Awards in 1996. The band has also toured with bands like The Gin Blossoms, Jewel, Bruce Hornsby, Spin Doctors, G Love and Special Sauce, Letters to Cleo, and A Tribe Called Quest.

According to MAC movie chair Bryan Murphy, they are similar to the bands they have played with.

"They sound like top 40," Murphy said. "They almost sound like Collective Soul."

According to the press kit, "few performers can truly be called trend setters. Fewer still can sustain a high-visibility presence in the pop-culture scene."

According to Mansfield Activi-



Pictured above is the band Division Street. On April 16th they will play MU.

ties Council Coffeehouse chair Eddie Gorman, the band was referred to MAC by another organization.

"We filled out a brochure from the National Association of Collegiate Activities at the beginning of the year," Gorman said. "They sent us a bunch of kits about a number of different bands."

The band consists of Jeffrey Scott Bluestein on piano, organ, keyboards and acoustic guitar, Thom Scheller on bass guitar, John Dorizzi on drums and percussion, and Isaac Hasson on electric and acoustic guitars and lead vocals.

Jazz ensemble to play at Mansfield University

By Katie Long
staff reporter

The Airmen of Note, a jazz ensemble of the United States Air Force that tours worldwide will be the featured players at the annual MU Jazz Festival

Concert to be held Saturday at 7pm in Steadman Theater.

The band was invited to perform at MU by Dr. Michael Galloway, music professor, as part of the annual all-day-long jazz event.

The group tours the U.S. twice a year and has performed in countries such as Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina,

Chile, Panama, and Japan.

The band was started by Glenn Miller and is now under the direction of Chief Master Sergeant Peter C. Baren Bregge. The lead vocalist, Technical Sergeant Tracey L. Wright, has sung at places such as Busch Gardens, Disneyland, and on local television shows.

"I consider it a privilege that the Airmen of Note is playing some of my arrangements," said Joe Williams, renowned jazz composer in a pre-released statement.

Bob Hope has described the band by saying that, "No one swings harder than the Airmen of Note except for me trying to hit a golf ball."

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Around the Nation

Peace process a factor in Hamas extradition

NEW YORK (AP) — A prosecutor has acknowledged that the "ongoing peace process" in the Middle East is a factor in whether Israel will follow through on its request to extradite Mousa Abu Marzook, a political leader of Hamas.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Baruch Weiss told U.S. District Judge Denise L. Cote on Tuesday that he has given Israel until Sunday to make up its mind whether to extradite Mousa Abu Marzook.

"It is no secret, your honor, this extradition is complicated by the ongoing peace process," Weiss said. "Israel has made it clear they want all the time they are entitled to."

Abu Marzook, 46, announced in January that he was willing to go to Israel to face charges of conspiracy to commit murder because he had given up hope that he could successfully resist extradition in U.S. courts.

A court hearing in Manhattan was held Tuesday because Abu Marzook's lawyer, Michael Kennedy, demanded in court papers that his client be released because

60 days had passed since he gave up his fight against extradition.

Weiss argued that the 60-day mark does not actually pass until Sunday and that Abu Marzook could continue to be held anyway because another appeal by him was never formally dropped.

Weiss said Abu Marzook would not be freed even if the judge ruled against the government. He said the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service still has an exclusion case pending against him and would take him into custody.

Cote reserved decision on Abu Marzook's request for release.

Abu Marzook, who has lived in the U.S. for 15 years, was arrested at a New York airport in 1995 because his name had recently been added to a list of suspected terrorists. A federal judge later found there was cause to believe he was involved in 10 attacks in Israel from 1990 to 1994 in which 47 people were killed and 148 injured.

Abu Marzook has denied involvement in planning or financing attacks.

Interest rates rise amid inflation jitters

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks opened lower Wednesday as persistent inflation jitters boosted interest rates again in the bond market, undermining a potential follow-through to late Tuesday's modest rebound.

After an hour of trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 38.52 at 6,572.53, recovering slightly from an early slide of nearly 55 points. The blue-chip barometer posted a 27 1-2 point gain on Tuesday, halting a two-session plunge of nearly 300 points.

Broader indicators also opened the session negative, pressured by a weak start in the bond market, where the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond — a key determinant of company and consumer borrowing costs — continued to flirt with new six-month highs.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by an 11-to-6 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to

54.89 million shares, down from Tuesday's early pace.

The Standard and Poor's 500 list was down 5.00 at 754.64, and the NYSE composite index was down 2.13 at 397.67.

The Nasdaq composite index was down 5.66 at 1,211.27, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was down 1.73 at 564.54.

United States Bond prices recovered slightly after the Commerce Department reported that orders to United States factories rose a moderate 0.8 percent in February, slightly below analysts expectations of a 1 percent increase.

Still, building on a strong 2.5 percent gain in January, the latest factory orders tally represented a record high and reinforced other recent reports portraying robust economic growth. These reports have spooked Wall Street.

Heinz to sell New Zealand ice cream business Tip Top

PITTSBURGH (AP) — H.J. Heinz Co. said Wednesday it will sell its New Zealand-based ice cream business, Tip Top, to Peters and Brownes Ltd. of Perth, Australia.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed. The sale is part of Heinz's reorganization plan announced March 14 to focus on core businesses such as ketchup, tuna and baby food.

Tip Top became part of Heinz in 1992, when the food giant acquired Wattie's Limited, New Zealand's largest food processor. The ice cream company employs more than 600 people and operates factories in Auckland and Christchurch.

Peters and Brownes markets food throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Special Report

Belief in UFOs linked to 'Heaven's Gate' mass suicide

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. (AP) — The mysterious computer-cult whose members died in a mass suicide left videotapes announcing their plans and may have timed their deaths to the approach of the Hale-Bopp comet, an associate of a former member said last week.

The 39 men and women dressed in black, wore their hair in buzz cuts and lived — dozens of them — in an antiseptic, million-dollar mansion stocked with bulk food and computer hardware used to create Internet sites.

They sent a farewell videotape to a former member and died in the same mansion, lying in apparent peace on their backs, arms at their sides, each covered across the face and chest with a triangular shroud of purple cloth.

Sheriff's deputies who went to the Spanish-style mansion on a tip Wednesday found the victims of one of the biggest mass suicides in U.S. history. Other than the bodies, they found little but mystery.

"There's no gunshot wounds, there's no knife holes in anybody," said San Diego County Sheriff's Cmdr. Alan Fulmer. Later, Sheriff's Lt. Jerry Lipscomb told CNN that a liquid was found at the death scene, but he would give few details. He also said investigators believe the deaths occurred over several days.

The home apparently was the center of a thriving business designing Web pages for businesses that want a presence on the Internet. Customers of the company called Higher Source described the home's occupants as cultlike and

clannish, but businesslike and proficient.

Nick Matzorkis, a Beverly Hills businessman who employs a former member of the Higher Source group, said today that members sent the employee — whom he identified only as Rio — two videotapes this week that described their intentions.

Members believed it was time to "shed their containers," perhaps to rendezvous

"Hale-Bopp's approach is the 'marker' we've been waiting for..."

Statement on Heaven's Gate web site

with a UFO they believed was traveling behind the Hale-Bopp comet, Matzorkis said. The comet is currently visible from Earth.

A rumor that a UFO has trailed the comet has been circulating on the Internet; astronomers say the object cited by the theory's proponent, an amateur astronomer, is actually a star distorted by the optics of the amateur's telescope.

Rio received the videotapes Tuesday evening, Matzorkis said, and Rio discussed them with Matzorkis on Wednesday. One video was of the group's elderly male leader, he said. The other contained each member's taped farewells.

Matzorkis told reporters he and Rio went to the house and Rio went in and

found the bodies.

"When he came out he was as white as a sheet," Matzorkis said. He said they then notified police.

A Web site called Heaven's Gate apparently was designed by Higher Source and described the group's desire to leave Earth and rendezvous with a spaceship behind the Hale-Bopp comet, NBC's "Today" show reported.

"Hale-Bopp's approach is the 'marker' we've been waiting for. ... We are happily prepared to leave 'this world' and go with Ti's crew," the site reads.

It also contains a lengthy statement from someone calling himself the

Select male cult members castrated in hopes of 'androgynous immortality'

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The Heaven's Gate suicide cult not only shunned sex, but some males in the group, including the aging leader, had been castrated in apparent pursuit of their ideal of androgynous immortality, the medical examiner revealed Friday.

Dr. Brian Blackbourne said castrations' healed incisions indicated the surgeries were done long before the 39 men and women methodically killed themselves in the belief that they would take a spaceship ride in a UFO trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

Also, he said, toxicology results showed at least two of the victims took a less than lethal concoction of barbiturates and booze. Blackbourne has said that plastic bags found in the trash might have been used to suffocate them.

No official causes of death have been determined, but Sheriff's Lt. Jerry Lipscomb

"Present Representative," likening himself to the spirit from heaven that he said occupied Jesus' body 2,000 years ago. Witnesses said the apparent leader of the cult was an older man who called himself "Father John."

In the statement, the "Present Representative" said anyone who wished to go to heaven — or as he calls it, the "Next Level" — must become his student, bond or "graft" to him, and "literally LEAVE the human kingdom and Earth as He is about to do." Any hesitation, he wrote, "could jeopardize that 'graft'" and end the person's chances to enter heaven.

said there was no suspicion of anything but suicide.

"Overdose and suffocation, self inflicted," he said. "Nothing in this investigation that would suggest anything but."


Relatives of 35 of the dead had been notified by late Friday with the help of more than 1,500 calls to a toll free police line, prompting renewed rituals of grief for people who hadn't seen the cult members for years.

Among the relatives was actress Nichelle Nichols, who played Lt. Uhura on the original "Star Trek" and has been promoting a line of telephone psychics.

"I recall his saying to me, just before the (1994 Northridge) earthquake, he came to visit with some members ... and they talked about the great comet that would come some day," she said on "Larry King Live."

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Less can be more

On the surface the recent changes made for the following academic year seem to be just another tough break for university students who already feel that they do not have enough time for breaks. However, in the long run the changes are fair and long overdue.

In fact, the changes not only balance out the academic semesters, limiting each to five vacation days, but they provide a fair ground for all students, both religiously and academically. There is one main reason for the cut in the Easter holiday. If you look at the Easter break and what it is for, it is easy to realize that the extra day off after Easter Sunday is pretty much bias against religions other than Christianity, and the students who celebrate them.

For example, Jewish students do not get extra time off for the many religious holidays they observe, such as Passover. The Jewish students who want to go home to celebrate with their own families do not get any extra days, or any days at all for that matter, to do so.

The separation of church and state requires schools not to get involved, one way or the other, when it comes to religion in the classroom. Mansfield University is no exception to this.

However, for many years the university has allowed an extra day off for the students that observe Christianity as their religion. Having this day removed from the list of days that we get off during the spring semester is a step in the right direction.

Since we can justify not having this day off anymore then we can justify subtracting a day off from the fall semester in order to balance out the classless days in the spring semester.

Another of the changes that will be made next year is the addition of an orientation day at the beginning of the year. We believe that this too is a good idea.

For many new students, the first day of college can be a very intimidating one. Having an orientation that these students can attend will reduce the amount of stress that these students may encounter in their first day of class.

This orientation is not mandatory which is also a good idea. Upperclassmen who have been here for a couple of years are fully integrated into the workings of college life and may not need to attend this orientation.

However, this orientation is still open to upperclassmen in case they feel that it is necessary for them to cope with the first day of the academic year. Some sophomores may feel that attending again is a good idea but juniors and seniors may have a different idea. Upperclassmen should look at this orientation day with familiar eyes. Since we all had to go through it once, we should try to make it as comfortable as possible for incoming students.

Most students will look at this new policy and their first reaction will be that they are losing free days and that may not please many people. But after a good, long look at this new policy it becomes justifiable and begins to look like a good idea.

Granted, it does seem that we, as the student body, have been having our privileges slowly taken away from us. Remember the withdrawal policy? But many of these decisions are made with the students in mind. In the long run these decisions will benefit us in some way.

Our country was founded on a number of certain beliefs and we must try to follow these beliefs or rebel against them if they are unjust. Separation of church and state is one of the ones that most of us can agree upon. Because of this, we must try to make that the situation.

We as students should realize that life sometimes is not fair, and when we see these injustices we should try to correct those wrongs.

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Student comments on column

To the editor,

I would like to thank and commend you for not only watching, but also feeling, a very important movie in today's world. In a time where people deny history's existence, and therefore create the chance of it happening again, few people want to talk about the importance of such a movie as Schindler's List. I will tell you that I personally could not watch the movie. It isn't that I didn't have the time, but the courage. I saw the movie at the theatre when it came out and haven't been able to watch it since then. I'm not ashamed to admit that I cried during it. I started when the first child was shot and stopped when the credits did. Being Jewish, I understand this movie and its contents a great deal. I lost between 100 and 150 relations, family, friends, and part of my history. I cannot,

as so many people can, trace my family back to anyplace past Ellis Island. The town where my grandparents families came from were entirely wiped out with the exception of the few who managed to leave before it was illegal.

In a time when our own legislatures look upon this movie as a movie involving "full frontal nudity, violence and profanity" and not a movie about the near annihilation of a persecuted people, it is good to hear a voice of reason among fellow students. I applaud your idea of letting others have their own opinions (who wouldn't) and agree that it is pretty silly for anyone to try to say that the Holocaust is "Jewish Propaganda." If it is, I wish that someone would let me in on the secret so that I can stop feeling the loss of people I will never get to meet, cousins that will never

exist and stories of life I will never hear.

The loss of all the lives that were lost in that time period, the Jews, Gypsies, Blacks, handicapped, and the other assorted peoples is a wound that will never completely heal, but only scab over. It is a hurt that should always be remembered, if only to keep it from happening again to another group. We are the next leaders of the world and it is up to us to remember that everyone is safe from this kind of oppression and danger. As the country that is the foremost leader of the world it is up to all of us to protect the impoverished, endangered and down-trodden. I thank you, Krissy Dennis, for your understanding, your heartfelt feelings and, most of all, your courage in standing up and expressing the truth.

Sincerely,
Logan M. Newman

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we?

In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary you may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writer's name, major, class and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week, we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Commentary

'Prostrating' for accuracy in journalism and life



Dave Barry

You can say what you want about us newspaper journalists. You can say that we are atheistic liberal family-hating snake-worshipping communist perverts. You can say that we dress like the character Ratso in the 1969 movie "Midnight Cowboy" and apparently have our hair styled by angry wrens. But the one thing you CAN'T say about us is that we don't admit our mistakes.

Yes, we've made some "doozies". Everyone remembers the famous 1948 picture of Harry Truman holding up a copy of the Chicago Tribune with a huge front-page headline

declaring DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN. But what people DON'T remember is that the very next day, The Tribune corrected that error with a front-page headline declaring DEWEY DEFEATS COOLIDGE.

That is the high standard of accuracy to which we hold ourselves. And that is why, today, I want to correct a statement I made in a recent column about a police officer in a Finnish city called Espoo who invented a harpoon for cars.

In that column, I stated that Finland is also known as "Norway". Shortly thereafter, I received dozens of letters, and do you know what they said? That's right: I may already have won \$10 million!

So I wish to sincerely apologize and issue the following corrections:

1. Finland is NOT also known as "Norway." Finland is, in fact, also known as "Sweden."
2. The civic motto of Espoo should be "The City That Sounds Like A Person Barfing."
3. None of this should be construed in any way as a criticism of Neil Diamond.

Now that we've cleared that up, let's get to the real purpose of this column, which is an alarming medical discovery that was made during Valentine

Season by alert reader S. Scott Hanan, M.D., a family practitioner who apparently has (1) access to medical research materials and (2) a lot of spare time.

Dr. Hanan's discovery, which he backs up with six pages of diagrams from medical books, is that- prepare to be shocked- the human heart is NOT shaped like the valentine-style heart that is used in candy boxes, cartoons, tattoos and the signature of women named "Brandi". By way of proof, Dr. Hanan sent a medical diagram of a human heart; it looked like a member of the mollusk family. Right next to this diagram, for comparison purposes, Dr. Hanan who notes, "I am a medical doctor, and therefore more than qualified to comment on such matters," has drawn a standard valentine "heart" and written "I don't think so!"

And that is not all. Dr. Hanan has also reviewed the medical literature to see if any human organ IS shaped like a valentine. He found one: It is THE PROSTATE GLAND. He enclosed several prostate diagrams, and there can be no medical doubt: It's a dead ringer.

This discovery has major implications, and not just for people who play bridge ("I bid three prostates"). It also means that there are thousands, perhaps millions, of hairy men walking

around with the word "Mom" tattooed on a picture of a prostate gland. But the biggest impact has to be on the greeting card industry, which I imagine will have to recall the billions of prostate cards it has sold over the years.

In an effort to gauge the extent of this crisis, I called the Hallmark greeting-card company, which is located in Missouri (also known as Kansas). I spoke with spokesperson Allison Novela and told her about the heart/prostate situation. She checked into it, and, a short while later, she called back to read this statement, which I am not making up:

"The doctor is correct about the shape of the human heart. However, Hallmark decided to sacrifice accuracy for sales after the poor performance of the following verse:

Valentine, I'd follow you clear 'cross state,

For you to hold the key to my prostate.

So that settles that. All that remains to be done now is for whoever is in charge of these things to send Dr. Hanan his Nobel Prize and a large cash award. Speaking of which, I have this important announcement for those nations that have not yet paid off their World War I debts to the United States: It's not too late! Send the money to me, and I assure you that will be the end of it.

DC rebuking China, but staying friendly a delicate balancing act

by Walter Mears
Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is a puzzle that goes with the territory, for Democrats and Republicans in turn — rebuking China over human rights abuses and other differences without risking ties, and markets, with the giant of Asia.

The strains were on display in the Beijing missions of House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Vice President Al Gore.

They are compounded now by the allegations that China tried to buy U.S. influence with illicit 1996 campaign contributions.

Gore, who left Shanghai on Friday after five days in China, was criticized over accounts that suggested he had dealt gingerly with the fund-raising issue. He raised it with Premier Li Peng, but assured him that the reports under investigation would not intrude on the administration policy of engagement with China.

The vice president later said he had told the Chinese premier that there would be repercussions, "serious indeed," should the charges, which China denies,

prove true.

Gingrich tried another tack, telling Chinese officials in Beijing on Friday that they ought to help investigate the case. The speaker said if their denials were so, illegal donations must have been the work of renegades, and both countries would want them found out.

An artful way of putting that issue aside for a message no less cordial than the administration's: "We come to develop a closer and better relationship and to share ideas and to listen as well as talk."

That's heresy to right-flank Republicans, who want Congress to restrict China's trade standing, which presidents of both parties have extended.

Liberal human rights activists are no less irked at the policies of the Democratic administration.

But those complaints are from the wings, not from the centers of decision. Denouncing a policy of engagement and enhanced ties with China is simple for those who aren't in power, but the realities burden those who are.

President Clinton, for example, said as a candidate in 1992 that he would make China's most favored nation trade status dependent on improving human

rights there. At the time President Bush, once the U.S. envoy to Beijing, had vetoed the attempts of a Democratic Congress to attach human rights requirements to the trade status.

Or Gore, who said during that campaign that the preferred trade terms should not be granted to "one of the worst communist dictatorships in the world with a record of human rights violations as long as your arm, ignoring fair trade practices."

But Clinton decided as president that he would no longer link human rights to trade rules.

The State Department reported two months ago that the Chinese government in 1996 "continued to commit widespread and well-documented human rights abuses."

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright criticized the record, but said the U.S. relationship with China cannot be hostage to any single issue, including human rights breaches.

Gore said on Wednesday that he'd had strong disagreements with Chinese officials on human rights, but they'd promised to be more receptive to U.S. concerns, and to provide greater access for American trade. The U.S. trade deficit

with China was nearly \$40 billion last year.

There were no specific Chinese commitments.

"I think the trip has been a real validation for our strategy of engagement with China, of taking our agreements, our disagreements, our matters of common interest, our matters of concern, directly to them," Clinton said.

Engagement is not a reward, said Samuel Berger, Clinton's national security advisor — not while there are fundamental differences over human rights, political change, market access, Chinese weapons sales.

"But the way to deal with those issues is to ... use the leverage that we have in a policy of engagement, not a policy of isolation," he said Thursday.

The campaign fund-raising scandal would make that difficult balance an even more difficult one. "Obviously, if it turns out that they're true, then appropriate action would need to be taken," Berger said.

But, again, that delicate balance.

"At the same time," Berger said, "we have an extraordinarily important interest in developing a broader, deeper dialogue, a strategic dialogue with China."

Sorry kids, we were wrong; you pay ABOUT \$100 a semester in activities fees

by Darren A. Meehan
News Editor

Once again, the Flashlight finds itself in the cross-hairs of another organization's rifle. Some members, but not all, of the Committee on Finance decided it was their time to address certain inaccuracies in last week's issue of this newspaper.

Specifically, their problems were with our editorial (Let the buyer beware). In the editorial, we wrote, "...each student pays about \$90 per semester... for activity fees". At Wednes-

day night's meeting, COF informed us that they believed this figure was inaccurate.

They told us the actual figure is closer to \$100.

Well, kids, what we printed is completely accurate. Thanks to the miracle of modern language, we have words like 'about'. For the English majors on COF who haven't heard of the word, it means 'approximately'. It means 'in the ball park of'.

For the record, last week's banner headline was inaccurate. Instead of saying that the Rec Center would be completed by the end of May,

it should have said that the intended date of completion is not known. No one can commit to an exact date.

Why? Who knows.

What I do know is that the school has no problem holding the students to exact deadlines but cannot give exact deadlines when the light is shining on their asses.

I don't say this to embarrass anyone. I say it in the hopes that the Flashlight detractors will spend five minutes next time reading the full story and understanding it before they react.

We welcome reactions to our newspaper. We appreciate the fact that

some people send us suggestions to improve our newspaper. We do not appreciate people who spend their days finding undue fault with our newspaper.

The entire Editorial Board of this newspaper stands by last week's editorial. We also stand by our reporters who take notes on the events they cover. I guarantee that the entire staff concerns themselves with accuracy and fairness.

If you still have a problem with this publication, stop by the office Tuesday afternoon. I personally guarantee at least I will be there waiting to hear from you. If you're not part of the solution you're part of the problem.

Kreative Korner

The Presley town massacre

By Krissy Dennis

Once again I have wisdom to brandish to all of you open, ever-faithful listeners. This rash of spring holidays has led me to think about the places I want to visit most, since I never go anywhere except home and Harrisburg.

Most of these places I will never get to go to, unless I just drop everything and find myself a rich travel companion who I can mooch off of. I'm sure there are some of you who have already gone, in which case all I really have to say is, Nobody can top my travel plans.

I am a tourist at heart. I am not ashamed to stare and gawk at attractions, and take countless pictures of my friends or family posed in front of them. I have no qualms about taking tours and being guided around with a group of men who pride themselves on wearing black socks and sandals. It is this need that has led to me to compile a list of desired destinations.

First and foremost, I need to go to our lovely capitol, Washington D.C.. That's right, I'm the only one in this free world who hasn't gone to see where Willy lives. I could probably spend a good three days there.

Really the two things I want to see are the Smithsonian Museum and the Vietnam Memorial wall. There is nothing that excites me more than having pieces of history right before my eyes. I'm sure I'll change my mind once those secret agent men get a hold of me for trying to steal Lincoln's underoos.

I'll throw in a serious note here. I really, honestly want to see the Vietnam memorial. It must be amazing to stand there in front of all those names with notes and tokens of affection laying there on the ground.

The next place I must see before I die is Graceland. My goal is to hide inside when they close the place and use Elvis's toilet. God, just to sit there where he used to throw up his drugs. In fact, I think he actually died right there on the can.

Then I would comb through all the shag rugs in the place and look for hair particles. Imagine all the money I could make if I could find something that everyone else missed. For example, imagine what a fingernail could bring.

I'm not going just to find money. What I really want to do is hold a seance and ask the king what he thinks of his daughters momentary lapse of reason. You know, the blissful marriage to the king of weird.

This gives me a new sparkling idea. The hell with the nations capitol. I'm taking over Graceland. I'll take it hostage and make it my main headquarters. Nobody gets in or out without my permission.

Once I've established a firm hold I'll demand support from all the Elvis fanatics. They can all move to Memphis and make it their own safe haven. It will be a place where they can roam freely in Elvis drag, buy blue suede shoes and gyrate their hips until it hurts.

Every citizen of the newly founded Presleytown will have memorized the new anthem, "Jailhouse Rock". All people will have in their possession at least two velvet wall hangings of the King, either the young Elvis or the old. Last, but not least, all residents will, in homage to Elvis, lay by their toilets five times a day and chant the first line only of "Hound dog" over and over again.

For leisure activity the resi-

dents will hold annual karaoke contests with the enemy Barry Manilow fans. The winners of the contest then takes on the Wayne Newton fanatics. The ultimate winners will then be swept away to their idols' birthplace where they will witness a reenactment of that miraculous day.

To make money I'll have to resort to renting out the rooms of the mansion to overnight guests. I'll even have to give tours once in a while to outsiders. I'm gonna have to be extra nice and sell fake autographed pictures of Elvis.

If all else fails, I'll just say screw the outsiders and I'll take to farming organic foods and range turkeys. The peoples of Presleytown will be self sufficient.

There is always the possibility that Priscilla or Lisa Marie might want to join the neighborhood. If that happens, the people of Presleytown can rely on the monies earned from selling Elvis' toenails.

There will be entire shopping malls devoted to Elvis. The big fountains in the middle will run with not water, but Elvis sweat. The mayor of this town is named Mayor Sparky. He won the job by ending pennies as a form of currency. He then took all of the old pennies, melted them down and made a big copper Elvis that shot ring dings, (Elvis' favorite food) out of his mouth.

Everyone in Elvis town drives around in big 1956 pink cadillacs, and when you talk to them, they will only answer you in the form of a line from an Elvis song.

The demise of Presleytown came when a bunch of Neil Diamond fans with axes and torches came out of the mountains and killed everyone in sight. They were all Rhinestone cowboys and they came to America today!!!

Krissy's Top Ten List Of Her Favorite Albums

- 1) Natalie Merchant - Tigerlily
 - 2) U2 - The Joshua Tree
 - 3) Fiona Apple - Tidal
 - 4) Pink Floyd - The Wall
 - 5) U2 - War
 - 6) U2 - Rattle and Hum
 - 7) Pearl Jam - Ten
 - 8) Radio Head - The Bends
 - 9) Alanis Morissette - Jagged Little Pill
 - 10) U2 - Live in Chicago (bootleg)
 - 11) Counting Crows - August and Everything After
- [numbers may vary and the order is not meaningful at all]

I highly recommend numbers 2, 5, 6, and 10. Of course I am bias. I don't want to hurt any feelings, but I'm going to see them in June in Philly. I'll get you a shirt if you buy me dinner.

Of course number one on the list is also excellent. I also saw her in concert last summer. She was incredible.

Then there is number nine and eight, who I saw in concert also. She kicked ass. The energy coming off her could power a small country.

Maybe for once you people will listen to me and buy one of these albums.

Five Star Dining offers a refreshing alternative

By Gene Yager and Thomas Jones
staff munchers

Two weeks ago, I attended five star dining put on by Manser dining services. This is the second time I have attended five star dining, and I must say that I have not been disappointed. I have had pretty much all the entrees that Edgewood Family restaurant has to offer, and McDonalds gets real boring real fast. Now I will be the first one to admit that Manser's run of the mill cafeteria services are far from tasty. However, this five star dining was truly high quality cooking. To be honest, I did not know what to expect from the 5 star dining. I had pretty much convinced myself that it would not be a quality meal. This was most likely due to my past experiences with the cafeteria.

The people down there at five star dining are a first class act. At times, I forgot that I was at a college cafeteria. The service was very impressive and was a big part of the overall impact. The staff that put on the presentation of food deserve a big hand. They too often go unnoticed and are unappreciated. They helped make our dining experience very

enjoyable.

However, the big draw of Five Star Dining is, and always has been, the extra quality of food offered. The food consumed on this occasion was not disappointing. It was very enjoyable. Obviously, a lot of people put a lot of time into the presentation.

There were a few voices of discontent. With such a diverse group of diners, it would obviously be hard to please everyone. The major discontent centered around the lack of vegetarian foods offered. Hopefully, Aramark can take this into consideration for future dining.

The major question this feast raises is, why are the regular meals served to students so un-Five Starish? We realize that such a production is not feasible to serve students each and every day, but some effort should be made to allow all students to enjoy these flavor rich foods on many occasions. Whether that involves lowering the price for admittance to Five Star Dining, or just holding them more often is not for this reporter to say.

Overall, it was a very good dining experience for Mansfield Pa., and I recommend it to anyone.*

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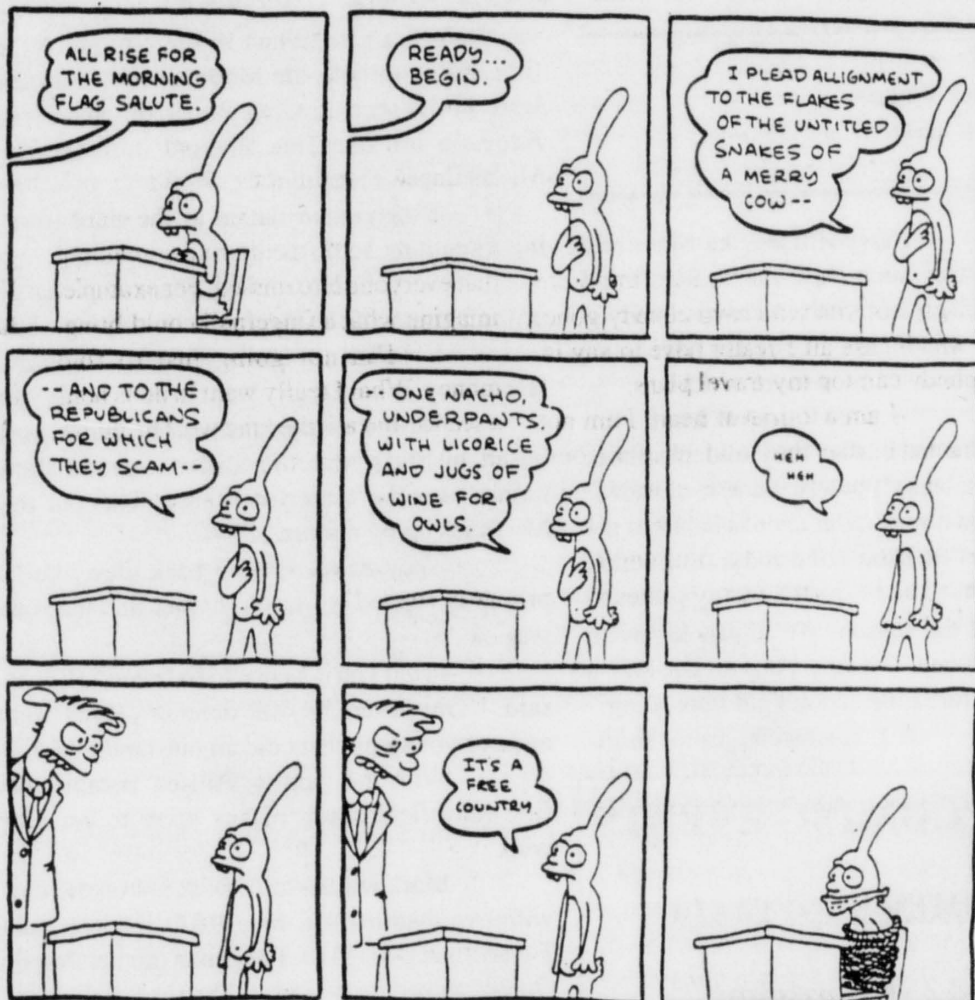
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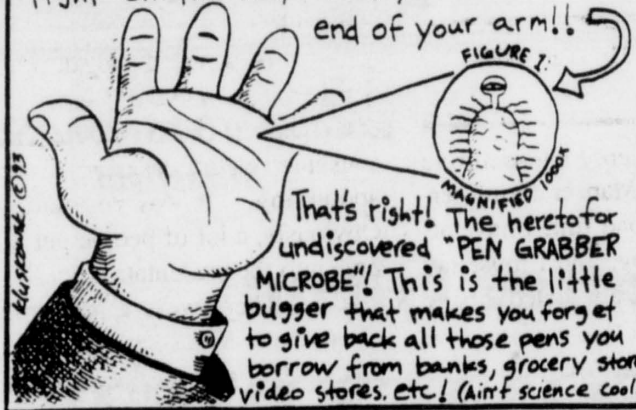
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Pepper & Sausage Fettucine

CHEAP THRILLS CUISINE

By: LOMBARDO & BUI

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Julienne into thin strips:

1 Spanish onion
2 red peppers
2 green peppers
1 28oz. can plum tomatoes

Saute with:

2tsp garlic
2tsp paprika
pinch of nutmeg and cumin



Simmer 15 min. on medium heat.

Cut 3 4oz. spicy Portuguese sausages into silver-dollar sized rounds.



Fry in olive oil until crispy.

Combine all ingredients.

Splash with 1/2 cup white wine.



Simmer for 5 min. Then toss with 12oz. cooked fettucine. Serves 4.

Hillson leads Mountaineers to his 350th career win

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

Harry Hillson, the Mansfield Mountaineer Baseball team's head coach got his 350th career win on Tuesday when his Mounties defeated Binghamton by a score of 15-5.

"I didn't know about the record until after they told me about it. It wasn't really on my agenda," Hillson said. "Our agenda is just to get better each day. That and getting home. We have had to play 23 away games to start the season. We're just happy to be home. We're trying to get into a comfort zone and get our bats going."

A.J. Hoenstein, junior short-

stop, belted a solo homer in the bottom of the first inning to help the Mountaineers into the lead. In the second, Greg Robertson and Dean Kroeson hit sacrifice flies to increase the Mountaineer's lead to 4-1.

Binghamton rallied in the third, scoring three runs, to tie the game.

Scott Wilcox led the Mansfield charge in the bottom of the third. His double was followed by walks to Chris Miller and Dana Harrold.

With the bags full, sophomore third baseman Mark Marconi drilled a grand slam homer over the centerfield fence. This put the Mounties up by a score of 8-4.

They never looked back. Joe Skelly promptly rapped out a solo homer and the rout was on.

"I tell you it's great to be home," Hillson said. "Our hitters hit, our defense played well and our young pitchers did an outstanding job."

With the victory, Hillson became the first Mansfield coach of any sport to get 350 wins.

Mark Munkittrick went 3-4 on the day with two doubles and three RBI's. Wilcox was 3-5 and had two RBI's. Freshman pitcher, Jonah Quick, picked up his second victory of the season. He completed eight innings, giving up eight hits and striking out four batters.

With the win, the Mounties improve their season record to 10-13 overall.

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Head Coach Harry Hillson recieved his 350th win last Tuesday against Binghamton University. The Mounties managed to pull off a big win in their home opener, 15-5. The Mounties improve to 10-13 overall and will play Ithaca College at home on Thursday. Game time is slated for 3:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

April 3 @ Kutztown

April 6 vs. Millersville @
1:00

April 8 vs. Westchester @
3:00

MEN'S BASEBALL

April 5 @ Kutztown

April 9 @ East Stroudsburg

April 12 @ Shippensburg

OUTDOOR TRACK

April 5 @ Ithaca

Coyle wins at Susquehanna Invitational track meet

special to the Flashlight

the second place finisher.

Coyle also placed fourth in the 200 meters by posting a time of 22.76 seconds.

Dana Vosburgh, a senior from East Rochester, placed third in the 1500 meters. He finished with a time of 4:07.80 seconds, only 3.81 seconds behind the first place finisher from Dickenson.

Eric Franitti, a freshman, tied his own personal best pole vault record. He vaulted 13.00.00 feet.

Three other vaulters reached the 13 foot mark. Places were determined by the number of faults that the pole-vaulters incurred. Franitti was awarded third place.

The Mountie track team will see action next, this Saturday at Ithaca.

Dave Coyle, a former Sayre High School standout, turned in an impressive performance at the 12th Annual Invitational Track Meet. He finished first in the 1500 meters and fourth in the 200 meter dash.

The track meet was an all day event, ending late Saturday night. The meet was the Mountaineer's first outdoor event of the season.

Coyle came in first out of a field of 31 runners in the 1500 meters. He crossed the finish line with a time of 49.32 seconds. His time was better by .5 seconds than

Mounties lose doubleheader

The Mountaineer women lost both games of a doubleheader to Bloomsburg last Tuesday.

In the first game, the Mounties were held scoreless, losing by a score of 9-0. Kelly Morris, a freshman, took the loss for Mansfield.

In the second game, the Mounties were held both hitless and scoreless until the fifth inning. Jennifer Radicchi singled in Missy Tyson for the Mounties only run

of the game.

Tyson pitched the second game, taking the defeat.

The Mounties' next game is away at Kutztown this Saturday.

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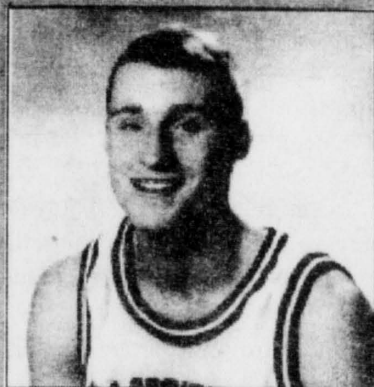
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The Mountaintop

Mansfield athletes reaching for the peak of their potential



Louis Judson has been named this year's Mansfield 1997 Winter Athlete of the year. Judson started all 30 games this year for the Mountie, leading Mansfield in the number of minutes played. Not only was Judson the PSAC's top scorer, he set many school records, including most points scored in a season, 670. He also finished ninth in the nation in field goal percentage, 48.2 %, fourteenth in scoring and sixteenth in three-point field goals made for the season. Judson was an All-PSAC East selection as well as the PSAC East Player of the Year.



Elizabeth Bricker was named the women's basketball Most Valuable player. The 5'6" senior guard helped the Mountaineers both with her skills and her leadership ability. Her solid play and exceptional outside shooting was key to much of the Mountaineer's success. "She would always hit a key three-pointer right when we needed it," said team-mate Jackie Williams. Sophomore, Lauren Martin, was voted the women's basketball team's Most Improved Player.



Steve Shannon was named the men's basketball team's Most Improved Player. The 6'9" sophomore was a dominant force under the basket for the Mountaineers in their record setting season. Lawrence Culver, Kenny Woseley and Louis Judson were named co-MVP's for the Mountaineers. Each of the three seniors was ranked nationally and were All-American Candidates.



Joel Brinker was named Mansfield's Most Valuable Mansfield Wrestler. The senior 150 pounder set a Mansfield record for the number of wins in a season with his record of 36-8. Brinker pinned his opponent's a record 13 times. He was pinned only once in his entire collegiate career. Brinker was one win away from All-American status at the NCAA Division II tournament. Todd Wonderling was named as Mansfield's Most Improved Wrestler.



Nikki Noaeill is the Mountaineers Most Valuable Swimmer. Noaeill has set Mountaineer records in the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle, 50 backstroke, 100 backstroke, and the 200 medley. Noaeill broke the 50 freestyle record nine times this season. To add to her records she is a repeat All-American. Noaeill managed an eighth place finish in the NCAA National Championships despite being very sick during the tourney. Rhoda Kahle was voted this year's Most Improved Swimmer.

Counterfeit NCAA merchandise sold at tourney

CINCINNATI (AP) Representatives of the Collegiate Licensing Co. have arrived in town to prepare for the tournament, which starts Friday in Riverfront Coliseum.

The Atlanta-based company serves as the NCAA's exclusive domestic licensing representative for merchandise making sure all items sold are officially licensed. It works with police to monitor sales during events, including NCAA tournaments, football bowl games and regular-season football games.

The demand for school merchandise at the NCAA's Division I women's tournament creates a potentially lucrative marketplace for counterfeiters, said

The company and Major League Baseball Properties, NBA Properties, NFL Properties, NHL Enterprises and Starter Corp. are members of the Coalition to Advance the Protection of Sports logos. It was formed to protect retailers, consumers and licensees against sale of counterfeit merchandise that could violate trademark and copyright laws.

Since CAPS was formed in 1992, it has worked with law enforcement to seize more than \$70 million in counterfeit goods and equipment, and has helped arrest hundreds of violators.

Estimates of the sale of counterfeit versions of trademarked products, including those bearing team logos, run into the hundreds of millions of dollars each year.

Authorities advise consumers not to buy products with poorly rendered logos or colors, to look for tags or sewn-in labels identifying apparel as "genuine" or "official," and to avoid items with prices that seem too good to be true.

The growth of women's sports in recent years has made the women's basketball tournament a more prominent event. In 1982, 56,000 people paid a total of \$230,000 to watch 32 teams compete in the tournament. Last year, 256,000 fans paid \$2.8 million to watch a 64-team field.

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Internet can pose dangers to computer users

By Thomas A. Jones
staff reporter

The Internet can be a very enjoyable relaxation and information tool. However, as many safety and computer experts will tell you, with the fun can come the dangers.

The downloading of computer viruses and a rise in the numbers of harrasing messages and even personal, physical attacks and assaults resultng from conctect via e-mail and chat rooms has aused many to look for ways to better protect themselves.

Mansfield University's North Hall Library is currently warning students about the dangers of the Internet via posters and fliers.

One such danger that can be posed by the Internet is the downloading of viruses which can cause serious damage to computer systems.

IBM has issued a warning for Internet users about an e-mail entitled "PENPAL GREETINGS." An attachment to the e-mail contains a virus capable of wiping out a boot sector of the receiving computer's hard drive.

This current e-mail situation is only a symptom of the larger problem of Internet dangers. Chat rooms, e-mail, or even your Internet browser are all susceptible to the dangers of the Internet.

ISRECON, an Internet protection service, provides information to consumers regarding what an Internet user may encounter and why the problem exists.

"Many dangers exist in Cyberspace," a brochure produced by ISRECON states. "The rush toward connectivity has dramatically increased the likelihood of attacks against computer and communications systems, and has made the hacker's job easier."

According to that same brochure, systems are constantly being tested and penetrated by hackers.

Director of the Mansfield Computer Center, Gary Ingerick, believes that the Internet can be a dangerous place.

"Treat the Internet like a town you're visiting for the first time. Don't give any more information to anyone than is absolutely necessary," Ingerick said.

There has reportedly been a few situations at Mansfield that involved students. Most have been in connection with students receiving e-mail they didn't want.

"This doesn't mean there hasn't been more," Ingerick said, "but we don't know how extensive it's been."

He suggests that any students who may encounter offensive material or anything that may pose a threat to their

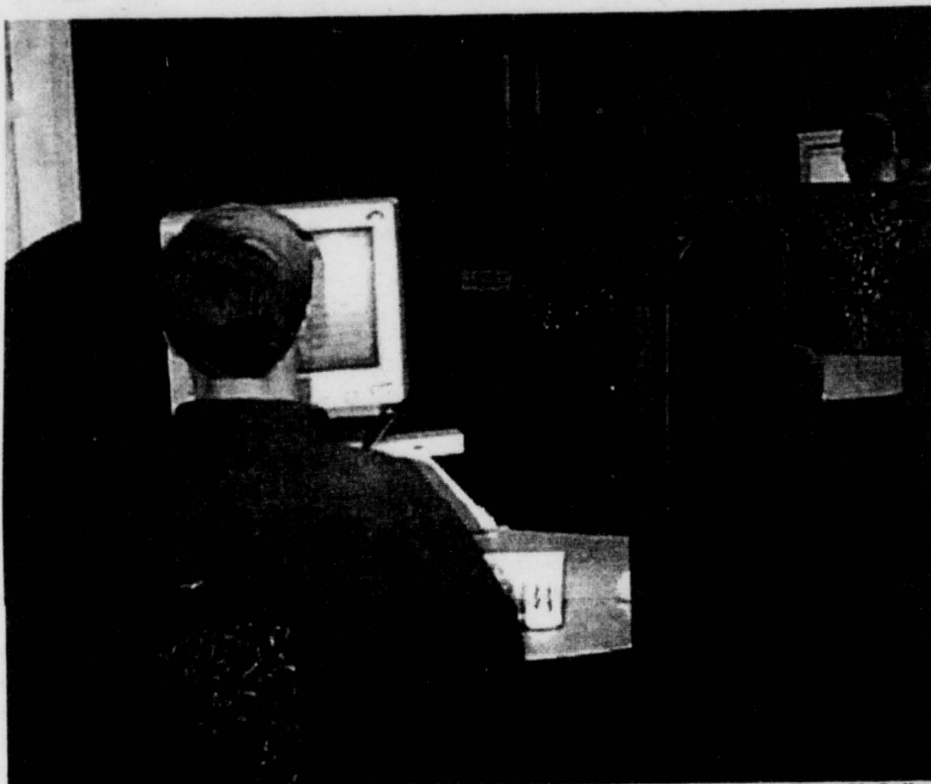


Photo by Brent McCallus

While using the Internet and e-mail can be a good way to relax and find out information, users should always be careful about downloading possible dangerous files and about giving out personal information to strangers.

well being should disconnect from the Internet immediately and contact the police.

Clay Resnick of an Internet press organization has written extensively concerning problems on the Internet and dangerous individuals like people like Cash Morris, who calls himself "The Dark One."

Resnick described how the man, via E-mail, managed to coerce to young girls into leaving their homes and families.

"The 18-year-old from Nevada, who created the 'Vampire' chat room on the Internet, left an e-mail message for two girls in South Carolina last August," Resnick said. "One girl was 15 years old and began a relationship with Mr. Morris by the computer network. Her friend was 13. They disappeared in Mr. Morris' car after a prearranged meeting. Their week-long trip ended in Nevada as police booked them as runaways."

On Resnick's site he also goes over several software products intended to protect browsers and children from the more unsavory characters with Internet access.

The Web Counsel, an organization of lawyers who communicate through the Internet have published several guides on how to avoid dangerous situations on the Internet.

According to the Web Counsel's guide, it is not always best to believe everything you hear about computer viruses and scams and dangers. One such instance they referred to was a legend about the "Good Times" virus which has supposedly been circulating the country.

"There is no such virus," states the group. "At the present time,

there appears to be only one rather innocuous kind of virus that affects Microsoft Word files with self-extracting macros, which are sent via e-mail."

According to a Microsoft press release, a patch has been issued to protect files from this bug. The patch is available for download at the Microsoft homepage. It is suggested however that you still exercise reasonable caution. Make sure you have back-ups of all your files, and if you use MS Word get the patch and update your firewall.

However there are things you can do to protect yourself from the Internet.

Resident Manager of Blue Ridge Cable's Internet service provider, Prolog, Tom Freedman, said that several types of software programs exist which can help protect Internet "surfers," but that self-discipline is perhaps the best defense.

"Common sense is probably the best thing to use to protect yourself," Freedman said. "Chat in a public place, with lots of friends around you."

For more information on Surf-Watch programs, or for Prolog Services, students can call 1-800-804-5783. Callers should identify themselves as MU students when calling.

For students with access to Internet resources, the following sites may be of interest:

<http://www.surfwatch.com/>

Software available for download designed to protect individuals from exposure to offensive material.

<http://www.umr.org/HTCysaf.htm>

An internet resource diagramming the dangers the internet can pose to users, and how to protect yourself.

<http://www.netsys.com/firewalls/firewalls-9508/0094.htm>

A database that provides browsers with information concerning firewall or hard drive protection.

http://isrecon.ncsa.com/public/Brochure_Pages/dangers.htm

An article detailing the hazardous nature of the Internet.

<http://www.webcounsel.com/emaildgr.htm>

A resource provided by an Internet lawyer's organization describing dangers to e-mail users.

Cyber-Safety Tips

*** Be cautious and use common sense if you are asked by someone over the Internet or someone in a Chat room for the following information:**

- ▶ Your home address
- ▶ Your phone number
- ▶ Your social security number
- ▶ Any credit card information

What about privacy? Students should also be advised that most information given out over

the Internet can be accessed by other people on computers anywhere.

Most Important: Trust your instincts. If you don't feel you are having a productive session on the Internet or if you aren't sure whether you should be giving out certain information, stop immediately and log on again at a later time.

** Information compiled from various Internet web sites.*

CALENDAR

Saturday 4/5/97

Indoor/Outdoor track away at Ithaca College

1 pm Baseball away at Kutztown

7 pm Jazz Festival Concert in Steadman Theatre. Concert ends all day Jazz Festival

Sunday 4/6/97

1 pm Softball at home vs Millersville

at Lutes Field

2 pm Michael Trowbridge Senior

Voice Recital in Steadman Theatre
8 pm Matthew Kanon Junior Guitar Recital in Steadman Theatre

Monday 4/7/97

Global Issues Week Begins

Today

Fine Arts Series presents Assad

Brothers Guitar Duo featuring

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4 pm SGA application deadline.

516 North Hall.

Tuesday 4/8/97

Registration for Fall semester begins.

1 pm Ebony Discussion Hour at MLK Center

Softball at home vs West Chester

Wednesday 4/9/97

1 pm Baseball away at East

Stroudsburg

9 pm MAC Coffeehouse at the HUT

10 pm Rubber Band warfare runs amok in Memorial Hall.

Thursday 4/10/97

1 pm International Discussion Hour in MLK Center.

Softball away at Shippensburg

5 pm - 5 am Flashlight Hula night in 217 Memorial Hall. Bring your own ukulele.

Friday 4/11/97

8 pm Jason Auman Senior Voice

Recital in Steadman Theatre

10 pm Zanzibar at The Hut

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Mansfield football player makes NFL draft

Gibson, All-American center, being looked at by national teams

By Joe Wagner
sports editor
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staff reporter

Mansfield senior and football All-American, Nathan Gibson, was listed last Tuesday in *USA Today* as the NFL's projected top sixth draft pick at his center position.

The 6'5" 305 pound offensive lineman is the only offensive player listed in the *USA Today's* draft pick pro-

spectus from the state of Pennsylvania.

Gibson is only one of two non-Division I prospects listed by the NFL combine as a possible draft pick. The five other centers ranked above Gibson in the draft are from Division I schools: Texas, Michigan, Texas A & M, Virginia Tech, and Florida Universities.

His combine ranking of 5.5, sixth in the nation at center, translates that Gibson could make a professional football team and contribute to the club's success. Gibson, the second largest center behind Bill Conaty at 306 pounds

from Virginia Tech, is the third fastest center prospect. He runs the 40-yard dash in 5.20 seconds.

Eight teams have sent scouts to evaluate Gibson here at MU. According to Gibson, of the teams that sent scouts, the New Orleans Saints, the Philadelphia Eagles, and the New England Patriots are interested in him as a prospect.

Gibson has already had an interview with the New York Giants and has worked out with the Eagles.

See GIBSON, pg. 14



photo provided
Nathan Gibson, All American Center.

MU observes Sexual Awareness Week

By Gene Yager
Managing Editor

On Thursday the Mansfield University Advocacy Program held a forum in Allen auditorium to commemorate sexual awareness week.

Many topics were touched upon at the forum, including sexual assault.

"Talking people into sex is against the law," said Donnie Hooper, advocacy program advocate.

According to Jennie Miller, who is also an advocate, planning sexual activity ahead of time can actually enhance a relationship.

"It doesn't take anything out of the romance, I think it adds to the intimacy the two people have," Miller said.

Miller said that in a relationship, communication is a key to avoiding compromising situations.

"If you get into that situation you probably have not had communication before hand," Miller said.

According to Hooper, if you are not getting what you want out of a relationship, it may be time to move on.

"If you are giving your partner plenty of time and they are still not sure, you may want to consider getting another partner," Hooper said. "You have the right to say no- don't give that right up."

According to Miller, responsibility exists on both sides of the relationship.

"You have a responsibility not to give mixed messages," Miller said.

According to Hooper, a verbal "okay" is needed when asking for permission to progress sexually.

"You don't want to go by a head nod because the person might be scared," Hooper said.

Stephanie Denicolla, treasurer of the advocacy program, feels that "because people think that sexual assault can't happen to them, a week like this is important because it raises awareness."



photo by Brent McCallus

Pictured above is a sexual awareness banner hung in Manser Dining Hall this week to signify everyone on campus who has been sexually abused or assaulted. Pictured below is Student Activities Director Clarence Crisp (right) and student James Moyer (left) participating in a "pie in the face" fund-raiser being held for the MU advocacy program. Both the banner and the fund-raiser were held in observance of Sexual Awareness Week.



photo by Gene Yager

SGA elections set for next week

By Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

There are three new candidates running for positions in this year's Student Government Association elections to be held next Wednesday and Thursday.

SGA senator of five semesters, Cindy Albano recently entered the running for the position of SGA president. Running against her is Steve Winnie, SGA speaker.

"I want to unite the campus as a whole where all of the students are represented," Albano said. "I'd like to see a campus community."



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Albano said that she has a plan to do this through SGA.

"I'd like to have annual forums between SGA and the students where the students can voice their questions and concerns," Albano said. "I want students to know that they are being represented."

Three semester senator Robert Thomas is running for the vice president position and is Albano's running mate.

SGA board member Ben Calder is also running for the position of vice president. At press time, Calder was unavailable for comment.

Also vying for the position is Michelle Hosey, SGA recording secretary and Winnie's running mate.

"I didn't want anyone to run unopposed," Thomas said. "I want the challenge of doing better than anyone else could."

Thomas said that if elected he'll fight for the opinions of the majority of the student body.

"I don't want to let my personal views interfere with the opinions of the majority," Thomas said.

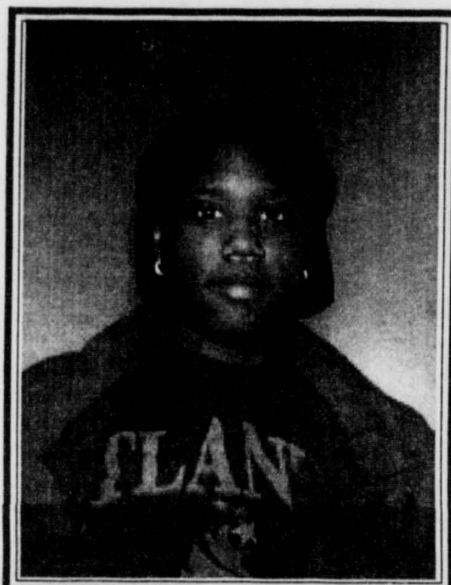
Albano said that it makes sense that she and Thomas should run together.

"We both have the same values towards the campus," Albano said.

CAMPUS VOICES

by Akeelah Brooks

"Did you attend any of this week's Global Issues conference events? What did you think?"



Ja'Nell Natson
Freshman

"I went on Monday to see the Marx lady because I had to for class.. It was good and very educational."



Bridgette Maney
Sophomore

"No. But I'm going Friday."



Adam Carscadden
Freshman

"No. But I would have like to."



Alyssa Gates
Freshman

"Frederiq Marx. I had to go for class. It was interesting to hear someone speak with a translator."

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08:20 Smoke alarm in Cedar Crest B Penthouse

09:10 Revocation of parking privileges

09:17 Revocation of parking privileges

09:21 Revocation of parking privileges

09:24 Revocation of parking privileges

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23:26 Assist outside agency at Bonanza - alarm went off

08:21 Revocation of parking privileges

10:54 Revocation of parking privileges

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Fraternity holds annual clothing and food drive

By Gene Yager
managing editor

On Tuesday night, Phi Beta Sigma fraternity braved the cold and held their traditional sleep out for the homeless night in South Hall mall.

Five fraternity members stayed the night outside to bring attention to the plight of the homeless and to collect clothing to be donated to the Wellsboro Clothing Pantry, according to senior Nathan Gibson, fraternity president.

"This is our annual clothing drive for the homeless," said Gibson, a sleep out participant.

The annual event was part of a week long activities schedule planned by the fraternity.

"The whole thing is basically our Sigma week," said sleep out participant and fraternity parliamentarian Ed Coley.

Although Tuesday night was an especially cold one for April, with the

temperature near freezing and wind chills in the single digits, the fraternity went on with the event anyway.

"When they said the weather was going to be fifteen degrees, we couldn't back out, it was already in stone that we were going to do this," Gibson said.

Another sleep out participant stressed the importance of the outing and of understanding those less fortunate.

"We want to make everyone aware of the plight that the homeless people go through," said senior and fraternity secretary Kenny Woseley.

Sophomore Rachel Harley, who brought a bag full of clothing, thought the clothing drive was a good idea.

"It is very beneficial, it is a good idea, we should do it more often," Harley said.

In addition to the clothing drive, as part of the week long schedule, a canned food drive was held on Mon-



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Pictured above are (left to right) Nathan Gibson, Jama Bouy, and Kenny Woseley day.

According to Gibson, the food drive, of which the proceeds will also go to the Wellsboro Clothing Pantry, went very well.

"We got about four duffel bags full of cans," Coley said, adding that the fraternity also expected a large turnout for the clothing drive. "It should be a pretty successful clothing drive this

year."

Also present at the clothing drive was Jama Bouy, junior and vice president of PBS.

Other events scheduled for Sigma week included a forum Wednesday evening entitled "Black on Black Violence: Is there a solution?", a Zanzibar scheduled for tonight, and a splash party to be held Saturday night.

"Public mind" survey held at Mansfield University

By Krissy Dennis
features editor

As part of the telephone survey research class held every spring, students conducted the ninth annual "Public Mind Survey", a telephone survey of Pennsylvania residents concerning their opinions on a number of subjects.

The survey, which was conducted over a three week period and included the opinions of 2,400 Pennsylvania residents, found a large percentage of those polled were pro-recycling and supported state recycling laws.

Each of the students in the class was responsible for making about 40 phone calls asking a variety of questions that dealt with education, the selling of the state liquor stores and recycling, Feil said.

"We do an objective assessment of peoples opinions," Feil said. "We feel very confident about the reliability of our data."

The class, which is conducted

by Dr. Richard Feil of the Psychology department and Dr. Gale Largey of the Sociology department, teaches students the finer points of organizing and conducting surveys.

"Students learn all the tricks of the trade like how to conduct the survey and write the questionnaire," Feil said.

According to Feil, one section of this year's survey included several questions on recycling in Pennsylvania. The results of this section, which was sponsored by the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee, will be used to give state legislators knowledge of public opinion, Feil said.

"The politicians really want to know what the public thinks about issues," Feil said. "They really want to know how popular a proposition will be."

Richard G. Fox, executive secretary of the sponsoring committee, spoke to the survey and research class on Thursday about the importance and history of recycling in Pennsylvania, and

what the survey means to the state legislature in Harrisburg.

"When you look at the state legislature, they get involved with so many issues," Fox said. "The survey is helpful to (legislators) as they make decisions on recycling."

Fox also talked about Pennsylvania recycling laws and discussed with the class the results of the survey.

"Almost 96 percent of the people believed that recycling can conserve natural resources, and it does," Fox said.

Other results showed that 61 percent of the people surveyed believe that recycling saves money and 69 percent of the the people felt that recycling is important, Fox said.

"To an elected official that shows them something," Fox said. "Why mess with something the people feel is important?"

According to Fox 60 percent were in favor of laws that require recycling in households and 85 percent were in favor of recycling laws for businesses.

The information collected by the survey concerning recycling will be presented at a press conference in Harrisburg on Monday, Fox said. Among those expected to attend are Lieutenant Governor Mark Shweiker, Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection James M. Seif, as well as many state legislators.

Dr. Gale Largey also noted that other data collected from the survey will be reported on by the Pennsylvania State Education Association, and the Pennsylvania Partnership for Children.

"There are three major organizations using this data," Largey said. "We are very proud of what students produce."

Volunteer students at Mansfield, in accordance with Shippensburg University, also conduct a pre-election survey to predict the outcome of the presidential elections.

"We have the best survey in the state on pre-election," Largey said. "Students generally do a better job than other surveys."

On campus AIDS testing not available this semester; future unsure

By Thomas A. Jones
staff reporter

For the entire spring semester there has been no on-campus AIDS testing available for Mansfield University students. According to the Campus Clinic that service, which was formerly conducted in conjunction with the Guthrie Medical Clinic, is not offered at MU through their office.

Bill Clark, Communication Health Nurse II of the Pennsylvania Department of Health stated that there has been no testing on campus this semester and it does not seem likely to be returned anytime soon.

"The reason why we haven't done it is because we were very busy doing kindergarten registration," Clark said. "Also only two nurses were available on campus to help perform the

tests."

According to Clark, it takes nearly two weeks for the results of an AIDS test to be returned. With the interruption of spring break midway in the semester it would be difficult to report and maintain the accuracy of the tests.

"Because of the days that the tests would fall on, it would be difficult to give results," Clark said, adding that anyone desiring an AIDS test can be tested in Wellsboro by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

"We intend to go back there in the fall," Clark said. However, no tests will be performed on campus this semester.

Anyone desiring more information can reach the campus clinic at #4350 or Mansfield's Guthrie clinic at 662-7766. The Pennsylvania Department of Health in Wellsboro can be reached at 724-2911.

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Gay rights activist leads homophobia forum

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

Gay rights activist Warren J. Blumenfeld presented a forum Thursday night entitled "Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price."

The forum, which was divided into four sections, dealt with how homophobia affects lesbians, gays, bisexuals, and transsexuals. It included a role play about someone "coming out" to their parents, discussed how homophobia affects heterosexuals, and what the next step in education is.

"Unfortunately, heterosexuals that come to events like this can end up being branded," Blumenfeld said.

Blumenfeld started the forum with a tape recording of violent messages that were taken from his answering machine.

"I was on a TV show in my hometown of Northampton, Mass., that said I was an 'avowed homosexual,'" Blumenfeld said. "After that people looked up my name in the phone book and started calling me. I received a total of about four hours of violent messages."

According to a slide that Blumenfeld had, in 1993 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources reported that gay youths are two to three times more likely to commit

suicide than heterosexuals. The report also stated that 28 percent of gay youths drop out of high school, 25 percent of all youths living on the street are gay, and 58 percent of gay youths are substance abusers. Blumenfeld then went on to talk about his youth.

"I was born in a conservative town in 1947 at the height of McCarthyism," Blumenfeld said. "My parents felt that I was gay from the time I was about two years old because I was very effeminate."

According to Blumenfeld, his parents then tried to make him heterosexual.

"I was sent to a psychiatrist twice a week for eight years in an attempt to make me heterosexual," Blumenfeld said. "We did things that were associated with the male gender role. Then I wanted to play violin and my parents forced me to play little league baseball if I was going to play the violin. The only good thing that came out of this was that I didn't have to wash the dishes anymore."

Blumenfeld said that because of this his childhood was not a particularly good one.

"I got beat up nearly everyday in high school," Blumenfeld said. "I also had very few friends."

Blumenfeld said that his first day of college was not much better.

"I had hoped that college would be better," Blumenfeld said. "When I returned from dinner my roommate had strewn all of my belongings in the hall. He said that he wasn't 'roomin' with a fag.'"

Blumenfeld said that after college he started an organization for gay college students.

"I started the National Gay Students Center in Washington, D.C.," Blumenfeld said. "We couldn't gain recognition in college for the organization we had."

Blumenfeld said that since all of this has happened his parents have accepted that he is gay.

"My mother tries to set me up with her male hairdresser," Blumenfeld said. "I have to keep telling her that I'm just not interested."

The next part of the presentation consisted of six people from the audience acting out a situation that consisted of a character "coming out" to her parents and telling them she is gay. This was done to illustrate the emotions that can be experienced in this situation.

"I felt very angry," said Eddie Gorman who played the father.

Blumenfeld then went on to illustrate how homophobia can negatively affect heterosexuals.

"Heterosexuals can sometimes be victims of violence," Blumenfeld

said. "It forces people to conform, it puts people in rigid gender roles, and it diverts energy from more important causes."

Blumenfeld also said that homophobia can also negatively affect heterosexual children.

"Because of homophobia children are sometimes forced to act out heterosexuality and teen sex can happen," Blumenfeld said. "Less homophobia would mean less heterosexual acting out because then children wouldn't feel that they have to prove themselves."

Blumenfeld ended the forum with suggestions to fight homophobia.

"You can support gay causes," Blumenfeld said. "You can educate yourself, and change your language to be genderless. You can also notice all of the times that you let people know that you are heterosexual in your language in daily life."

Blumenfeld said that you can also join the "safe space" program. For more information call the University of Massachusetts at (413)545-0111 and ask for the Stonewall program."

Blumenfeld said that he has been holding workshops like these around the country since 1971.

"It's how I pay the rent while I go to college for my doctorate," Blumenfeld said.

COF hearings discussed at student government meeting

By Joey West
staff reporter

At this week's Student Government Association meeting one topic of interest included the search for director of admissions, and that it is still going on.

"We don't have a Director of Admissions," said Steve Winnie, SGA historian/speaker. He adds that "the search has been reopened" and that Brian Barden will continue as interim director until a replacement is found.

In other news, Kim Kochin, committee on finance chairwoman, said that the annual budget hearings for next year have been completed. A COF hearing is held for every student organization that asks for university funding and entails the organization clarifying its financial demands.

SGA Advisor Joe Maresco, said that there was \$673,000 requested by the approximate 40 organizations on campus, despite there only being \$460,000 available to them.

"You get a sense of just how much there is going on ... on campus," Maresco said. "There is an awful lot going on; tons of stuff."

In other news, SGA has decided to sponsor \$1000 towards this year's "laser tag" event. The event, which is to be held later this month in accordance with the "spring fling", will be much better than the last "laser tag" event held in the fall of 1994, according to Cindy Albano, Mansfield Activities Council Concert Chair and SGA senator.

"You can actually see the lights in the dark," Albano said. Besides having a better lighting system, the sounds will be more realistic and a computer will keep track of who has "died" in the event.

The vote for the sponsorship was close with seven for the sponsorship, five against, and seven senators abstaining.

Ben Calder, SGA parliamentarian, had concerns with the money that is left in the SGA budget and said that if an emergency arose there might not be any money left to help.

Other news that was in discussion Monday included having the library stay open for additional hours the weekend before finals.

Several options were discussed, and the final results will be found in a later issue of the Flashlight or on MUTV.

In other news, according to Maresco, there is no movement toward an agreement with Endless Mountain Transit Authority, the company which the university is negotiating a campus shuttle service with.

"It's isn't going anywhere," Maresco said. He elaborated that talks have been going on, but there has not been an agreement with the company.

There was discussion about putting the topic on SGA elections ballots, but Michelle Hosey, SGA Recording Secretary, had concerns.

"They (students) might not know all the details," Hosey said.

Thom Jones, SGA senator, said "It's our responsibility that they do."

Hosey had further concerns that the students might be getting themselves into something without knowing all the details.

EMTA, if a agreement is reached, will provide transportation to MU students and would replace the university van that is currently in place to provide transportation to students.

The evening ended with Maresco saying a few words of advice to the members of SGA and the way that they have allotted their money this semester.

Maresco said SGA is "digging a deep hole" and is referring to the \$3,500 SGA has given out to different causes in the last couple of weeks.

"(SGA has) never traditionally been a funding organization," Maresco said, adding that SGA needs to set up some guidelines to evaluate the funding decisions.

"What about all the other organizations out there that don't know that you are in the funding business?" Maresco asked.

Additionally, Maresco said SGA should "represent the entire student body," and that SGA is a "activity generating organization" that should deal with "more community service."

Campus radio station holds reception in North Hall Reading Room

WNTE aims to educate campus on coming upgrade with unique gathering

By Gene Yager
managing editor

On Thursday Mansfield University's radio station, WNTE 89.5, held a reception in North Hall's traditional reading room to help enhance the radio stations image, as well as to get the community educated on the a planned station upgrade.

"I think it gives us the chance to compete with other schools," said Angie McKee, sophomore and newly appointed public relations chairperson of WNTE. "I think that with the newly

renovated library it will help the school get bigger and better."

Professors, as well as students, attended the reception.

"I think it (the reception) is important for professors as well as for the students to get to know the different organizations on campus," said Sandy Falicki, junior and WNTE office manager.

According to Falicki, formal invitations were sent to faculty, administration and communication organizations.

"We hope to have a good turnout. We have food," Falicki said.



Provost Joe Moore and professor Pricilla Travis discuss WNTE.

photo by McCallus

Going around the world in seven days

Mansfield University hosts Global Issues Week during The Year of Russia

Descendant of Karl Marx addresses MU community

By Thomas A. Jones
staff reporter

On Monday, April 7th at 1 pm in North Dining Hall, Frederique Longuet-Marx, the great great granddaughter of Karl Marx, addressed the crowd, and spoke about "The People of Chechnya and Dagestan."

Provost Joseph Moore introduced the French native, and spoke briefly about Global Issues Week in general.

"The entire enterprise here is all about big thinking. About trying to link history, geography, all subjects," said Moore. "Before you can have a Global Issues Week, you have to have some global personalities."

The Provost introduced Marx as an anthropologist and a specialist of Muslim studies in the Cacauses region. Marx had trouble speaking English fluently so her speech was translated by Monique Oyallon, a Professor of French at Penn State. Oyallon has been a friend of Marx for 15 years and has traveled with her in the past.

"I did my initial work in 1983,"

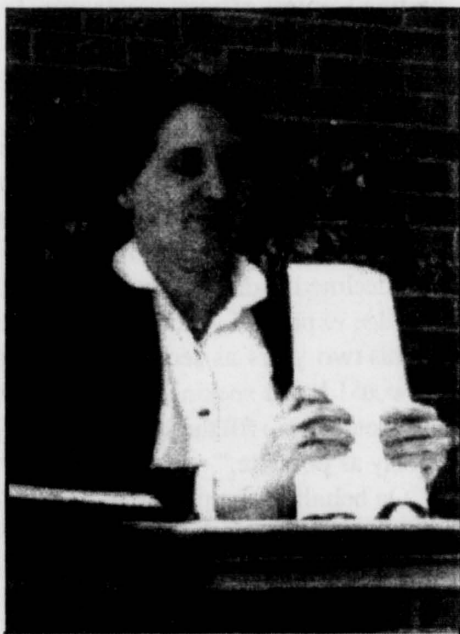


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Frederique Longuet-Marx addresses Mansfield University as part of Global Issues Week.

said Marx as translated by Oyallon. "The Cacauses is a separate world that is both close and far away. It is both Europe and Asia. Both Christian and Muslim."

Marx stated that the Chechen/Russian conflict was based on a lack of

state; a disorganized state that has existed from the early 19th century. This disorganized state arose from the different clans or tribes that control Chechnya and Dagestan.

"It is a world that got closed and sort of isolated," said Marx, "I want to stress their common identity but they have very different relationships with the rest of the world. Why are they different? Because they have a structure based on clans or tribes."

Marx stated that in order to understand the Chechyan government it was necessary to know which clan the leader was from. Each clan possessed certain distinct religious beliefs, but they also shared many common religious ideas.

"The area had some practiced beliefs which were integrated into Islam," said Marx. "For example, after a long period of draught the women went up into the Mountains....They wore long black dresses which they removed. They extended their arms and reproduced a traditional rite but called the name of Allah."

The Islam practiced in the area is a Sunni branch of Islam, according to Marx. Sunni Islam is based on brother-

hood. This brotherhood played an important part in the war.

"Intrinsically," said Marx, "This brotherhood played an important part in the resistance."

According to Marx, Joseph Stalin's policy in the 1940's was aimed at actually separating people in this region rather than unifying them. Because of his actions, Dagestan now has 30 languages and 32 distinct ethnic groups. Chechnya only has one language and two ethnic groups. Part of the reason Chechnya maintained some unity was the Islamic brotherhood that held them together.

"It is still a very traditional society," said Marx in conclusion, "but it is a society that has been submitted to sovietization. The west, of course, is interested in the oil of that area and Russia is still trying to exercise control over that region."

After the speech, Provost Moore remarked, "The western press tends to show growth of Islam as a political movement." Moore then asked Marx if it is seen in Russia as a threat.

Marx replied that it is seen as more of a social movement and has no real political implications.

Students perform Russian plays

By Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

Last Tuesday and Wednesday nights the students of Dr. Andrew Longoria's Directing 1 class presented four of Anton Chekhov's short plays as part of the Global Issues Week.

The four plays, "The Proposal," "The Drama," "Inspector General," and "The Bear," were presented in the Cabaret Room in Memorial Hall to packed audiences.

"We had 45 people the first night and 55 on the second night," said Eddie Gorman, co-director of "The Bear" and member of the class.

According to Gorman, the plays were given as an assignment for

the class.

"We had to direct the plays and Andy helped us get other students to be the actors," Gorman said. "We were fortunate that all of the people we got had previous acting experience. The assignment just happened to coincide with Global Issues Week."

Gorman said that the students did not have a lot of time to organize and rehearse the plays.

"We were given 15 days to rehearse and get the whole thing together," Gorman said.

Each of the four plays lasted no longer than 20 minutes a piece. They all took place on a single set that changed for each play.

Mansfield University's Global Issues Week continues through Saturday.



photo by Akeelah Brooks

Four short Chekhov plays were acted out by MU students. The Plays were held in the Cabaret Room of Memorial Hall Wednesday night at 8:30 pm as part of the Global Issues Week

University students and faculty discuss international exchange

By Darren A. Meehan
news editor

Global Issues Week continued Wednesday with a forum exploring international exchanges and the benefits Mansfield students can receive from studying abroad.

Larry Uffelman, co-coordinator of the Global Issues week headed a panel, entitled "Russia Student Exchanges," of students and administrators offering advice and experiences from their trips to Russia.

Ben Stevens, an MU student who traveled to Russia last semester with the university, told the audience his stay in Russia was "like a home," citing the displacement he felt upon returning to America. Stevens found the Russian students friendly and interesting, and said that Americans need to get over themselves.

"Americans need to get over

being American and be global," he said.

Stevens' trip to Russia was cut short last fall when he and MU Professor Phil Savoye were forced to return to Mansfield for as yet undisclosed reasons stemming from what the two said was an incident involving fascists following them.

Brian Souter, another MU student who studied at Volgograd University in Russia, said he found the place friendly and faced little confrontation from hostile natives.

Moderator Uffelman also offered his views on his time in Russia.

Uffelman told the audience what he learned both in and out of the classroom.

"I found that I could teach English someplace else that didn't normally speak English," he said. "I wanted to test myself."

Uffelman's assessment of his trip to Russia, included conversations with Russian soldiers, is that it was an

invaluable experience for him.

"How do I assess my trip to Russia? I don't know," he confessed. "I can't put a value on it."

After Uffelman spoke, panel member and University Provost Joe Moore shared his experiences both overseas and at home. Moore explained that his family has hosted an oriental exchange student, in addition to trading houses with an English family.

"It was interesting because they got to know our neighbors and we got to know theirs, but we have never met each other, although we are good friends," Moore said.

Moore also invited students in the audience to offer their reasons for the low participation in student exchanges at Mansfield University. Celeste Sexauer, the last member of the panel and the only one who has never been to Russia, is responsible for organizing student exchanges.

Sexauer, who has been to Austria and the United Kingdom, warned students interested in foreign exchange that the transition won't be easy, but it will be worth it.

"There is always going to be a challenge, like loneliness when you go abroad, but you get over it and gain so much more. The most important thing to realize when you go abroad is that you will be surprised. If you go abroad and you're not surprised," she added, "you should have stayed home."

Sexauer informed the small audience that information on international exchanges and studying abroad can be obtained via the Internet on Mansfield University's home page.

The international exchange forum was part of the continuing Global Issues Week during the Year of Russia at Mansfield University. All functions during Global Issues Week are free and open to the public



Pennsylvania in the news

Gov. Ridge refuses to comply with Auditor

HARRISBURG (AP) — The Ridge administration said it would not comply with a request by Auditor General Robert P. Casey Jr. for information about how community and economic development grants are awarded.

Administration officials, responding to Casey's announcement that he had issued subpoenas to a Cabinet secretary and top aides, said Tuesday the auditor was seeking information he is not entitled to under law.

Casey said the Department of Community and Economic Development has refused to provide his auditors with "the most basic information necessary" to determine whether the grants are handed out on a competitive basis.

"At this point, we cannot rule out that the ... selection of projects for consideration ... which is cloaked behind 'executive privilege' ... is driven entirely by purely political decisions," Casey said.

Department chief counsel Russell C. Bellavance said the law allows Casey to review transactions only after their occurrence, but does not give him power to examine the grant-awarding process.

Casey spokeswoman Karen Walsh said the department referred to the law that covers financial audits, not performance audits, which is what Casey is trying to conduct on the grant program. In performance audits, she said, the auditor general is entitled to all information about a program.

The grants Casey wants to review are administered through the department's Community Revitalization Program, created last year to "improve" communities and "enhance local economic conditions."

New law requires unanimity for Board of Pardons

HARRISBURG (AP) — Members of the state Board of Pardons would have to be unanimous when they recommend that a sentence of life imprisonment or death be commuted, under a proposed change to the state Constitution.

The measure will appear on the Nov. 4 ballot for voters to decide whether to ratify it. The change has been approved in two consecutive sessions of the Legislature. The House approved it on Tuesday 180-18. The Senate approved it earlier this year.

Casey said he wants to verify an administration claim that the grants are distributed on a competitive basis. He said he has been denied access to necessary information and believes the department "has failed to substantiate its claim that the ... program is competitive."

Department spokeswoman Lynn Lawson said the program is operated under a set of guidelines that have been widely distributed. A copy of those guidelines says the grants "will be awarded through a competitive process" and that applications "are evaluated competitively" against all other applications.

No other explanation of the evaluation is spelled out.

The \$24.3 million administration program replaced a controversial system of grants — known as "walking around money" or WAMs — awarded by lawmakers of both parties. The grants, controlled by legislative leaders, were seen as an effective tool for winning votes from rank-and-file lawmakers.

Gov. Tom Ridge, when he was a candidate, pledged to eliminate the WAMs program, saying it lacked accountability.

Some critics, particularly Democratic lawmakers, have said the Republican governor's program also lacks openness. Democrats also have accused Ridge of using the grants to win votes for his initiatives.

Casey, also a Democrat, said he issued subpoenas to four officials of the department, including acting secretary Robert G. Benko and deputy secretary David E. Black. The subpoenas were to be delivered by the Dauphin County sheriff.

Under existing law, a recommendation that the governor grant a commutation or pardon requires only a majority of the five-member board.

The intention of the bill is to grant fewer commutations and pardons for the sake of public safety, said Rep. Tom Gannon, R-Delaware, who supports the measure.

Coincidentally, the bill has moved through the Legislature while a man whose life sentence for murder was commuted in 1995

State secretary's resignation accepted

HARRISBURG (AP) — Gov. Tom Ridge said today he has accepted the resignation of Agriculture Secretary Charles C. Brosius, saying he respected the departing Cabinet officer's "integrity, his work ethic and his dedication to the men and women who earn their livelihood by farming."

The resignation or firing of Brosius had been rumored throughout the Capitol on Tuesday, but Ridge's office refused to comment on the speculation and Brosius also declined to discuss the matter.

Ridge expressed gratitude to Brosius for his two years as secretary and said he would begin seeking a replacement and would try to fill the post "as expeditiously as possible."

"On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania, and particularly those in agriculture, I thank Secretary Brosius for his public service," Ridge said.

Brosius was appointed as agriculture secretary in March 1995, shortly after Ridge took office. There was no indication in the governor's announcement of the reason for the resignation.

Many lawmakers said Tuesday, as rumors swept the Capitol, that they were troubled by the prospect of Brosius leaving, because they regard him as one of the most qualified people ever to lead the department.

Rep. Raymond Bunt, chairman of the House Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee, said he believed Brosius, who is popular among farmers and many legislators, liked the job and would not have resigned unless asked. The Montgomery County Republican called Brosius one of Ridge's ablest Cabinet members.

"I haven't worked with anyone in gov-

ernment in 25 years that I've enjoyed working with more than this particular individual," he said. "He's a farmer. He's an educated man. He knows all the issues."

Bunt said he resented being kept in the dark about the developments. Bunt said Tuesday he had placed at least two telephone calls to the governor's office to find out whether Brosius would resign, but the calls were not returned.

Sen. Clarence Bell, R-Delaware, said senators had discussed the matter privately but without clearing up the mystery as to why the secretary might depart so suddenly.

"I personally respect Charlie Brosius as one of the most capable secretaries of any department that we've had in many years. I fail to understand why this action is being taken," Bell said.

The Pennsylvania State Grange, a non-profit organization representing farmers and rural Pennsylvanians, said a Brosius resignation would be a loss to anyone involved in agriculture.

"Whenever we've had a concern, we've had a friend in Secretary Brosius," said James Mentzer, public relations director. "I don't know you could always say that in past administrations."

Brosius, a mushroom grower from Chester County, oversaw 550 employees in the department.

Among other duties, the Department of Agriculture develops and expands domestic and foreign markets for the state's products. It also encourages proper farming and conservation and attempts to prevent, control and eradicate diseases among livestock, poultry and plants.

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Open-mindedness: Can it be enforced...

...Some university professors believe that it can be. Actually, if one tries to impose acceptance of multi-cultural diversity, they might be counter-productive to their cause.

Everybody knows that well-roundedness is considered a good thing. Hence, Mansfield supports an educational and informative program named Global Issues Week.

This is Mansfield's Year of Russia. February was Black History Month and March was Women's History Month. This week is also Sexual Awareness Week. All these programs are created and designed to educate Mansfield's student population. That is a good thing.

There are professors, however, who require attendance at lectures aimed at enlightening the public. The question is not whether these informative lectures and panel discussions are good for an uninformed student body. The question is: should instructors require attendance to these functions?

On the one hand— if professors require attendance, students will have two choices: attend the meeting or take an absence. So, many students attend a function that they would not go to otherwise. These students are then exposed to a seminar that might enlighten them of other people's culture and idiosyncrasies. This is a good thing, right? Maybe.

If a person attends a lecture because they are forced to, does he or she necessarily learn the material presented? Usually not. Many times, students simply endure a lecture to appease a professor and normally complain before, during, and after the lecture is history.

It is definitely good for people to learn about others. But, it is not so good for people to be forced to expand their minds. It seems that if a professor forces a student to go to a lecture the student will be turned off from learning what they could. A student should go to the seminars and lectures because he or she wants to go. That is the whole reason behind attending an institution of higher education: to learn. Overall, if one prescribes to the idea that students should be forced to attend, the student just might get something out a lecture. It cannot really hurt a student, right?

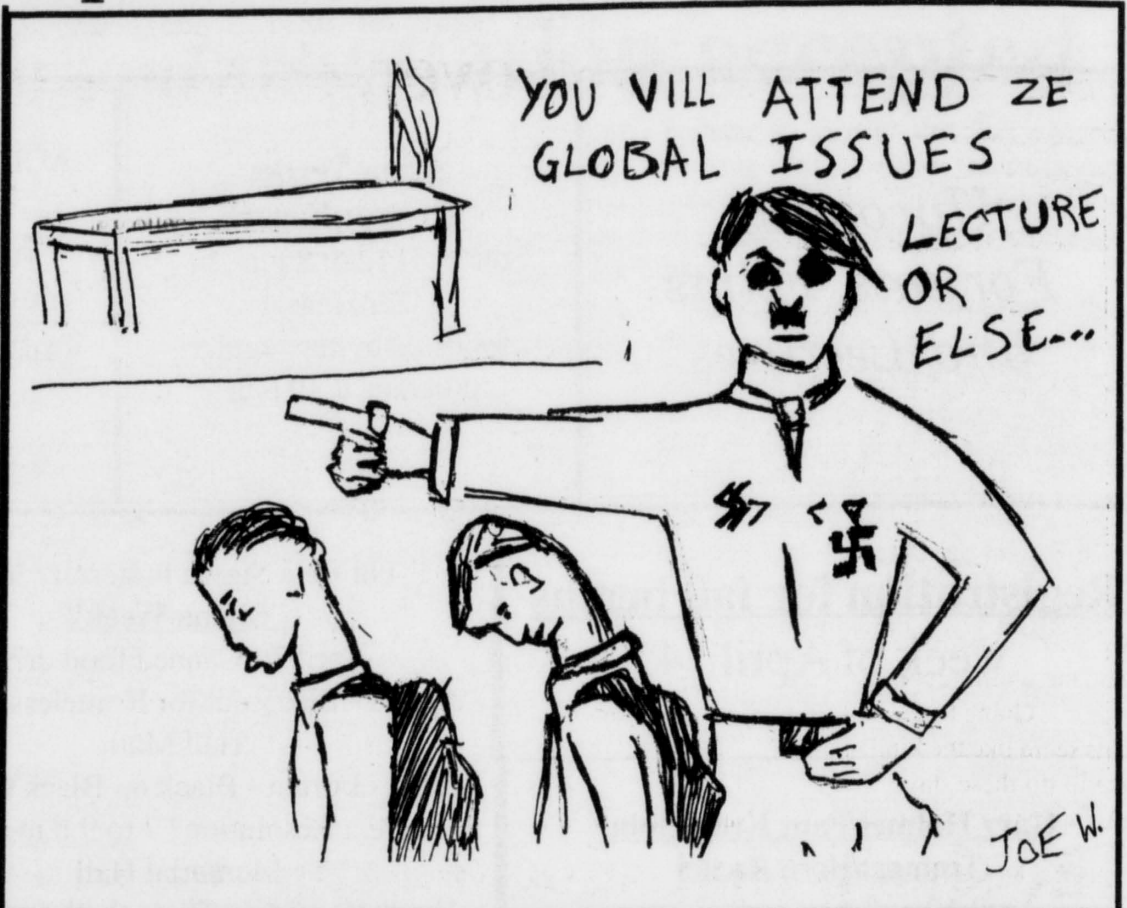
On the second hand— If a student is required to attend a lecture based upon diversity and global issues, he or she could possibly become embittered to the whole subject. A person cannot be forced into open-mindedness.

Since forcing a student into attendance results in negative feelings, it is only logical that the negative feelings will be displaced to the multi-cultural program. A student will associate the infringement of his rights (being forced into going to a lecture) with diversity, causing an even greater rift between a student ignorant of different cultures and those different cultures.

So, one has to return to the first question: does the good of attending a multi-cultural lecture outweigh the possible harm it could do by alienating a student?

The only possible answer to this question is not an answer at all. A student should attend a lecture or panel discussion because he or she wants to. He or she should not have to be forced to attend. They should go of their own volition. That is the only way that anyone will learn to appreciate differences in people.

Opinions



Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

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The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

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In order to perserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

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Commentary

The year is almost over, do you know where you fee is?

by **Darren A. Meehan**
News Editor

Campus change much since last year?

One person might think it has; another will swear it hasn't. If you are the type of student who spends the Spring going to Livestock and the Spring concert, your campus is completely changed.

Now, if you're the kind of person who expects the administration to take your money and run, it's the same crap, but a different pile.

Going to the rock and roll concerts seem like the kind of thing the kids like to do these days. For those of you who want to see the rock and roll bands,

I've got some advice: don't wait in line for tickets to any big event. Don't brush up on your Violent Femmes or Collective Soul. That plan crapped out.

Remember to buy a plastic bottle for your Captain and Coke's before Livestock? Forget it.

And don't even watch The Best of Comic Relief on Comedy Central in the off chance you'll see Margaret Chow or Bobcat Goldthwait before they get here.

There won't be any concert or Livestock. There won't be any comedian. There won't even be Bobcat.

So again, students on campus have a valid complaint against the administration regarding their money and it doesn't have to do with the Rec Center. Maybe it's because we're used to the

fact that the damn thing will probably never open. Maybe students find the whole thing a sore subject these days. In any event, once all is said and done, aside from our learning, we haven't gotten diddly squat for our tuition.

Politely speaking, the comedian idea is in the same place as Livestock and a Nirvana reunion.

Of course, it's all a grand circle beginning at the Committee on Finance and ending there.

To paraphrase the situation: The COF agrees to give MAC between \$8,000 and \$12,000 for entertainment. MAC must somehow agree to match the COF's offering and, I guess, return the money.

Summing the problem up: how can MAC make the money if they don't

get a good act. Would you bet that Decker could sell out for a night with Margaret Chow? I'd be surprised if they could fill a bathroom, let alone sell enough tickets to make back \$7,500.

Yeah, that's right kids, with only three or four weeks left before the semester ends, you still haven't gotten your money's worth out of your activity fee.

We all remember what happened with the Badlees. In my opinion, aside from the Rec Center, the Badlees concert was the biggest mistake the University has made.

This semester, the University will try to surpass their previous stupidity.

Please, for the love of God, show us you're smarter than that!

The sheep that shocked the world boggles the human mind

by **Mike Feinsilber**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — "The human imagination runs riot," declared the Church of Scotland when word came of what one of its countrymen had wrought. "We have got to ask the question, 'What if?'"

And indeed, in the weeks since scientist Ian Wilmut cloned the sheep that shocked the world, the question has been asked everywhere: What if someone clones a person?

Wilmut's cloning achievement makes philosophers of everyone.

A clone: a person with a DNA gene

donor rather than parents. A person made to order. Replicated rather than conceived. Carried by a woman who is more delivery vehicle than mother. Not a son or a daughter, but an identical twin to someone older. A parent who is the twin of its child.

The mind boggles.

In the hand-wringing that followed the sheep named Dolly, a consensus has emerged: Human cloning will one day be achievable, and what can be done will be done.

Though not necessarily soon. Mankind will not stand still for much failed experimentation involving spoiled human embryos or fetuses. Wilmut had 227 misses before he brought Dolly into being.

Cloning is one of those drumbeat-of-history events that challenges mankind's understanding of the nature of nature. Such events seem to occur every generation Sputnik in the 1950s (with its promise that man could leave the confines of Earth) or in vitro fertilization in the 1970s (test tube babies, made without sexual contact).

As with IVF births, Americans at first blush seemed appalled at the notion of cloning a human. In polls, the common theme was that people should not "play God."

Even Wilmut agreed: "Similar experiments with humans would be totally unacceptable."

Dr. Ward Cassells, chief of cardi-

ology at the University of Texas Medical School, thinks this squeamishness is needless and short-lived.

"Three or four years from now some couple is going to have the courage and persistence to be the first to do this," Cassells said in an interview. "They'll have a beautiful little baby and the critics will be quiet."

He cites a practical purpose: using the genes of a child suffering from incurable leukemia to clone a child who would then provide life-saving bone marrow to his older twin.

"Would it be immoral to save the life of a 2-year-old baby?" he asks.

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by Krissy Dennis
staff degenerate

We at the Flashlight feel it is time to give recognition to those staff members who strive to attain perfection in all that they do. Therefore, we have dedicated a sacred space to memorialize their efforts and give you, the students, a chance to select your favorite.

We have provided photos of the staff members that have achieved greatness for the week. They were taken at the precise moment to give you the full insight into who they are and the principles they stand for.

During your selection you should keep in mind a few things. First and foremost, note the level of energy expended by these young pups. You can almost feel the energy flowing out of them and lighting up the room.

Next, keep in mind their sparkling personalities. When voting for anybody in a contest you must always look for their inner beauty. Remember it's not just appearances that matter. Ask yourself, "Self, what can these men offer our society?" Are they the leaders of our society?

When judging the worthiness of these young men, please choose wisely.

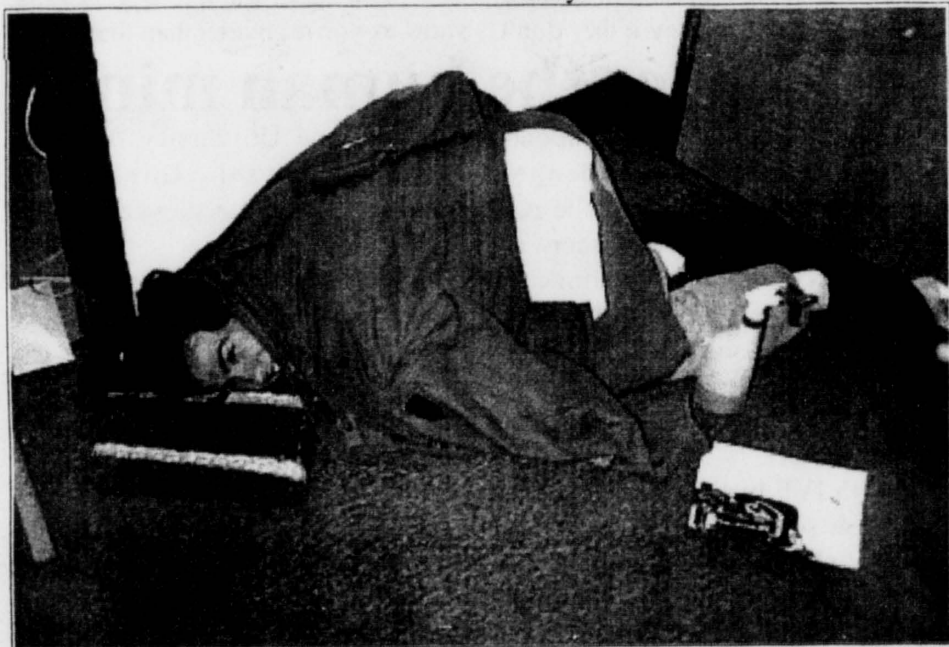


photo by Gene Yager

Brent McCallus, Photography editor, had a long night of washing the windows of North Hall. Ironically, McCallus takes no credit for the shining glass you students peer out from everyday. It is fearless dedication to a humble job that he loves.



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Meet our supercalifragilisticpealidocious news editor Darren A. Meehan. Providing the campus with all the news that shapes your life, Meehan takes few breaks. You can see his talent is talking in his sleep. Hey, it's better than being fat.

CUT AND MAIL



If the efforts of **Brent McCallus** have brought a tear to your eye, and you think he deserves a break, you can either bring him down to McDonalds, or simply check off the box to the left. Hey go ahead- you know you want to!



Darren A. Meehan epitomizes his own personal favorite character "Sleepy" from Snow White. Meehan hopes to pursue a career starring in sleeping pill commercials.

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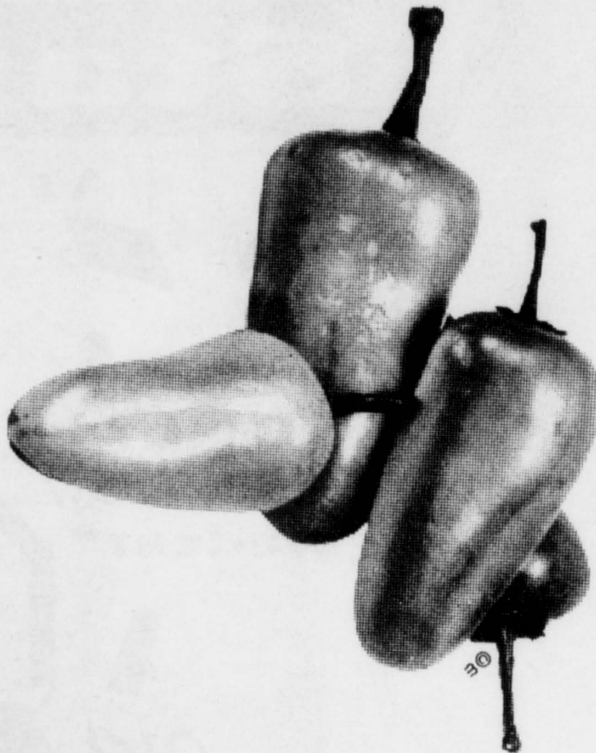
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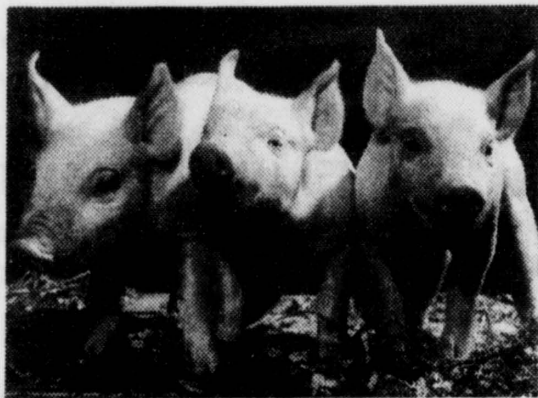
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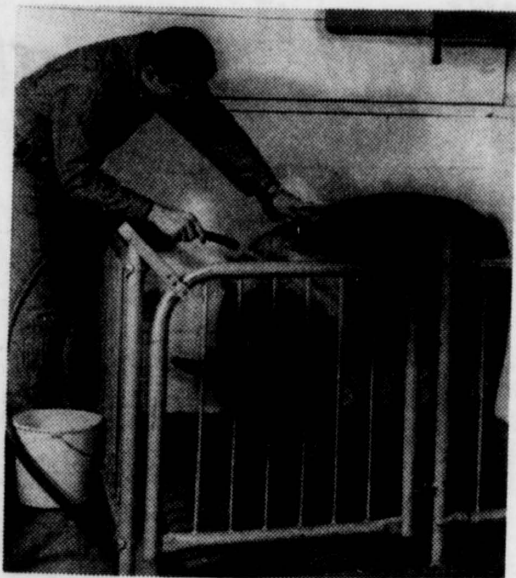
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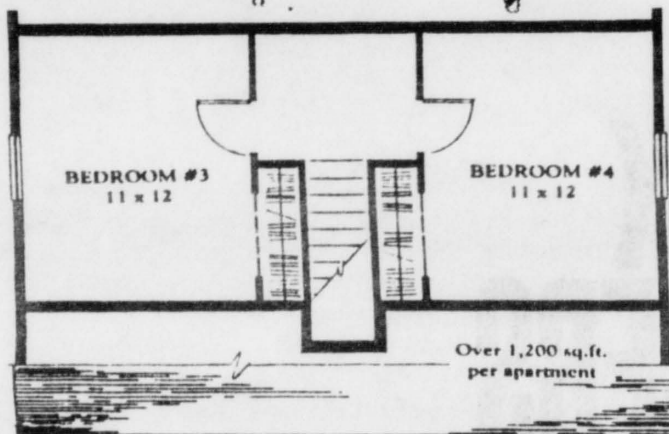
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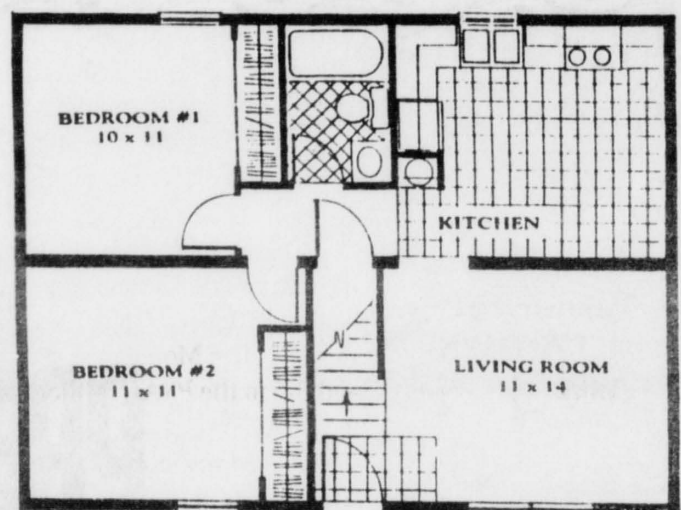
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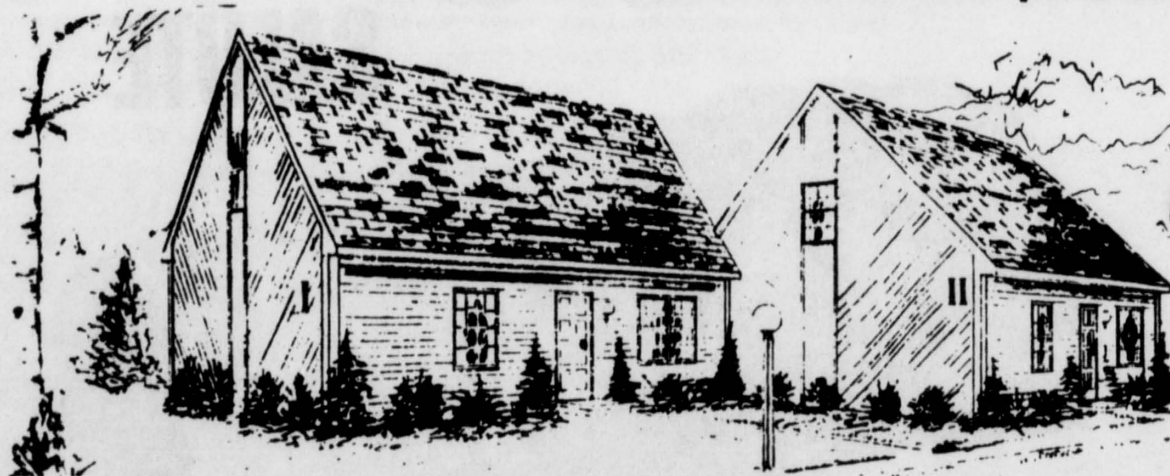


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Mountaineers get win two from 'Ville

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield Mountaineer softball team swept a double-header from the Marauders last Sunday at Millersville.

Mansfield freshman, Kelly Morris, picked up the wins for both games.

In the first game, a tight 3-0 contest, the Mounties scored their first run in the opening frame. Megan Williams reached first base with a walk and Missy Tyson rapped a first pitch double to the left field fence to score her.

The Mounties scored next in the third inning and once more in the fifth. Each time, they scored a single run, but it was enough to carry them past the Marauders.

Sherry Thompson knocked in

both runs for Mansfield. The Mansfield defense gave a strong effort, stranding many Millersville runners on the basepaths.

Williams led the Mansfield offense in the first game. She scored twice and went two for two, smacking two singles.

Tyson started on the mound for the Mountaineers in the second game. After six strong innings, four in which she did not give up a run, Tyson moved to centerfield.

This position change helped bolster Mansfield's defense. Morris replaced Tyson on the mound.

Millersville held the Mounties scoreless in the first three innings of the second game. The Marauders, in turn, could manage only one score in the third.

Both teams scored two runs in the next frame and none in the inning after. In the sixth inning, Mansfield scored two runs to Millersville's one.

Mansfield rallied in the bottom of the seventh, scoring one run and tying the score at five apiece. Jen Radicchi scored the tying run when Brooke McManus singled, sending the game into extra innings.

Stephanie Kent scored the winning run in the bottom of the eighth when Thompson singled her in with two outs. The final score was 6-5 with the Mounties picking up their third win in the PSAC.

Kris Peterson went three for four for the Mountaineers. Thompson was three for three and had an RBI.

The Mountaineers are now 6-14 overall and 3-5 in the PSAC. Millersville drops to 0-6 in the PSAC.

Mansfield's double-header with West Chester was canceled on Tuesday because of high winds. Their next game is away at Shippensburg.

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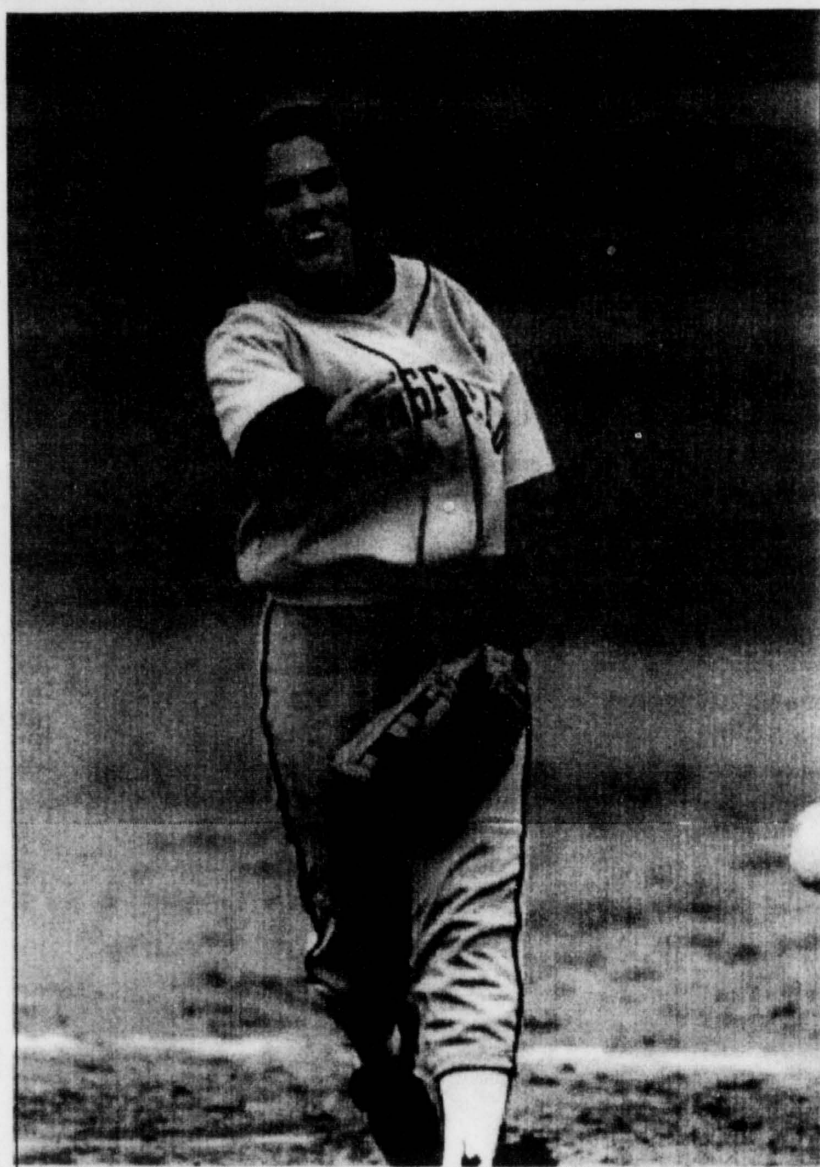


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Missy Tyson started on the mound in the second game for the Mountaineers. The Mounties picked up their second and third wins against the Marauders to move their PSAC record to 3-5. The Mansfield women play the Marauders next. The game will be played this Saturday, away at Millersville.

Coyle and Vosburgh lead the Mountaineers at Ithaca

special to the Flashlight

The Mountaineer track team did well individually but only managed a seventh place finish at the Ithaca College Invitational last Sunday.

Dave Coyle, graduate of Sayre High School, won the 400 meters. His time was 49.38 seconds, .37 seconds ahead of the second place runner. This was Coyle's second straight victory. Last weekend he finished first in the 400 meters at the Susquehanna Invitational.

In the Ithaca meet, Coyle finished in a second place tie in the 200 meters. He shared his time of 22.77 seconds with Mark Bruny of Hartwick College. This time was less than a tenth of a second off the first place time set by Levie Johnson of Alfred University.

Dana Vosburgh, a senior, took second place in the 1500 meter run. He finished the race with a time of 4:02.0 seconds.

The men's 4x400 relay team, consisting of Doug Perry, Mike Lane, Vosburgh and Coyle, also was impressive. They finished third with a time of 3:26.5 seconds.

Carrie Aten, graduate of Mansfield High School, set a school record over the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:13. Tracy Keith set the previous record for



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Senior, Dana Vosburgh, took second place in the 1500 meter run. The Mounties finished seventh overall at the invitational.

Mansfield in 1988 with a time of 1:14.

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Mountaineers sweep ESU in doubleheader

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

Chris McGee went the distance in winning his third game of the season, while freshman Kris Kann earned his first collegiate victory of his career in the second game of the twinbill. The Mounties swept ESU 7-2 and 10-5 in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East baseball action.

Mansfield evened up their PSAC record at 4-4 with the sweep, while improving their overall record to 13-15-1.

McGee gave up just four hits while striking out seven in the first game.

Senior left-fielder, Chris Miller, had three runs batted in (RBI) with his three singles.

Catcher, Dean Kroesen, had two hits, drove in a run and scored twice for the Mountaineers.

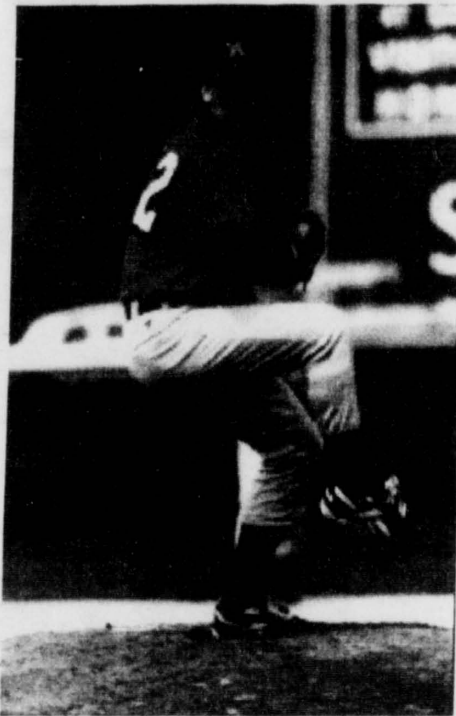


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Chris Zallie picked up his first save of the season in the second game of the ESU doubleheader.

"Coach thought that I had good location with my curveball and good ve-

locity of my fastball," said McGee of what Head Coach Harry Hillson told him after his pitching performance. "It was also good that the team got me some run support."

In the second game, Kann went five innings to pick up the win before giving way to Chris Zallie who recorded his first of save of the season.

Mansfield's offense was led by sophomore Chad Swogger who had two hits, including a double and three RBIs.

Junior shortstop, A.J. Hoenstine, also doubled in two runs for the Mounties' cause.

Mansfield will continue their road trip with an important doubleheader against conference power Shippensburg University on Saturday.

Then they come home to play Millersville and Bloomsburg in double-headers on Sunday and Tuesday, respectively. Game times for all three dates are 1pm.

from GIBSON pg. 1

Gibson is keeping his expectations down to earth.

"I always think the worst so that I won't be disappointed," Gibson said. "The worst would be not being drafted, but becoming a free agent."

To keep aligned with his philosophy of downplaying his hopes, Gibson said that he would be surprised if he is drafted.

In December, Gibson got an agent, Alan Herman. Herman works for SportStars, an agency that represents many collegians hoping to enter the world of professional sports.

When Gibson was in his senior year of high school at Overbrook High in Philadelphia, he wanted to get out of school for a couple of days so he figured he would come and visit Mansfield.

The whim turned into unexpected actuality as Gibson enjoyed his visit to Mansfield so much that he decided it was the college he wished to attend.

At first, Gibson's parents were leary of him entering MU and his mother actually made him write her a letter listing the reasons why he wanted to attend Mansfield and why they should accept him.

Gibson's said that his major priority right now is graduation. and that he came to Mansfield with hopes of being a starter during his freshman year.

In fact, Gibson did get six starts his freshman year. His father attended each of those starts as well as every game that Gibson has played in his Mansfield football career.

Gibson's four year stint as a

Mounties rank in chase for Sears Cup

Mansfield used a strong showing at the national level in its winter sports programs to vault into the top 50 in the NCAA Division II Sears Director's Cup standings.

The Sears Director's Cup honors the institution with the best all-around athletics program in each of the NCAA's Division I, II, and III and the NAIA. It is the first-ever cross-sectional all-sports national recognition award for both men and women.

To determine a champion, points are awarded based on each institutions' finish in the 16 sports-- six core sports for men and six core sports for women

Mansfield was awarded 40.5 points for a national 17th finish in men's basketball, 44.5 points for a 20th place finish in women's swimming and 16 points for a 29th place showing in wrestling.

Mansfield is ranked 50th in the Sears national standings.

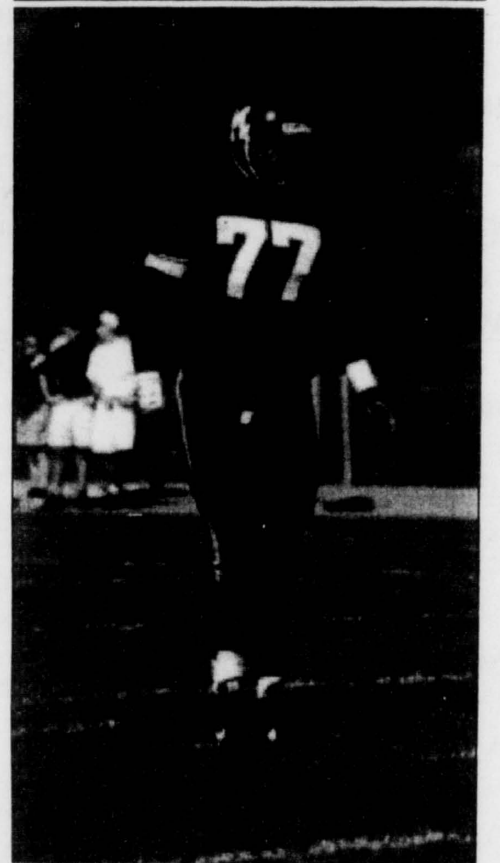


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Nate Gibson will be the only Mountie ever to be drafted if he is selected by an NFL team in the upcoming draft.

collegiate football player resulted in many awards. He is a three-time All-PSAC East selection, a member of the All-ECAC South team and the CoSIDA East Regional team.

Gibson has also been named to numerous post-season All-American teams.

Along with his many honors, if Gibson is drafted, he will be the first Mountaineer in history to be drafted by an NFL team. He is already only the second Mountie to work out with a pro-team.

Gibson will be attending the NFL draft in Madison Square Garden on April 19 and 20.

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Mountaineer Outdoors: Trout fishing and what the Woodsman sees

by Al Houck

outdoors columnist

Realize that while you are reading this article, today is the eve of drowning worms, losing hooks, cussing fellow anglers, freezing fingers and enjoying the day afield. It is the time that hundreds of individuals scamper the countryside in search of that lunker hidden in an isolated pool that only thirty people know of its location.

The constant apologies of tangled lines, rod tips tapping your back and obnoxious children screaming and complaining of the frigid temperatures provide ample time for you to evaluate: Why do I fish?

I have asked that question to myself times over when nestled among elbows fishing a stretch of water for a trout. Tradition is the answer to the \$22.75 question.

The time has finally reached us outdoor types to relieve that itch that has bothered us since the close of the regular hunting season. It is in our blood to ignore the distractions only to have a few moments of sheer bliss, as we lean over the water and claim our prize provided by the Commonwealth. I enjoy fishing for trout about as much as walking up Cardiac back-

wards on a day of 25 mph winds and sleet coming down in all directions.

Yes, I still do go out, why; Tradition. Trout season has become a past time for my father and I to bond. We trample down early vegetation only to discover what lies around the meandering bends. At times we are side by side conversing about issues in the world as well as events that are occurring around my hometown. The time together is important, because it allows me to exhibit my character and intellect to an individual who molded me into the outdoors man of today. Some people go to a ballpark, raceway, convention, but I challenge the elements and prejudice to spend a little quality time with my Pop.

Recently I spent the weekend roving the landscape of my favorite beaver pond....Location unknown.... Bird life was the ticket, being greeted by a nice gobbler corralling five hens, this would be a great day. After observing his rituals of fan display and rhythmic motion, I scooted quickly as not to disturb his groove. Taking an alternate route to the pond I came across more turkey signs than I had all fall.

Marker One in my notebook, scratchins fifty yards over the ridge. Big oak nice set-up point. Further down I ambled cautiously not to spook any wildlife.

After a brief walk, I discovered something odd located on the first pond. Perched on the vacant lodge was a goose,

and with further investigation revealed a second nestled with the grass which now grew on top. Interesting a "nesting" pair of geese, what an awesome place to raise a brood.

I assume the male noticed my presence and dipped his giant body into the crystal water and as he did a pursuit was immediate. It was not directed at me, but a muskrat was ticked by the sudden encroachment of his feathered friend. It was something that I never had witnessed, and I found it truly enjoyable.

Just beyond the lodge I noticed another bird swimming freely, and it turned out to be a Lesser Scaup. The Lesser Scaup is a large duck that resembles the Mallard having an emerald head but with a blue wrapped beak.

So, after checking out the Scaup, I sneaked through some pucker brush to observe five more Scaups on the next pond. On the far shore there sat a male Wood Duck near a nest box. The Woodys' keen eye picked me out nad the whistling alarm was sent, and out of the box burst the hen. Into the sky they climbed blending against the dull mountain side.

The frog chorus was tuning up in a littled backwash filled with reeds. As I sleeked further a mound of mud caught my scanning eye. A beaver sent mound located at a branch of the small stream connecting the ponds together was the attractant. The aroma of castor filled my nostrils as I whiffed the wind

coming off of its direction. Now that is nature. How I would love to see this beast. Is he the one which tripped my traps this fall? I was on a mission so staking out his home was off limits. Further through the mix of evergreens and hardwoods I galloped on game trails and playfully recited a drum solo with nibble sticks on a fallen pine log.

I was truly in my element as I reached the top of the mountain. As I scanned over the countryside and saw civilization, it felt as though someone turned off the switch.

Gone was my exhilaration, the independent feeling of controlling the world, the ability to talk to the elements. When climbing into my vehicle I remembered an old saying, "You can take the boy out of the mountain, but you can never take the mountain out of the boy."

Rec Center Blues

by J. Wilson, J.P. Fella, and Jill Mancini
sports reporters

This was supposed to be a sports column about current issues in sports. I guess we could've written about the start of the new baseball season or the playoff races in the hockey or basketball seasons.

But, since all these sports seem to be running along quite well, we've decided to write this column about sports issues at Mansfield University. No, we're not talking about the sports that the athletes here perform. Not including the intramural programs that are offered, we're talking about students that need to get away from everyday studying. Yes, that's right, we're going to discuss our views on the rec-center that was supposed to be finished a long, long, time ago.

Also on our agenda is to discuss all the damn money that we, as paying students, have given to our rec-center fund this year that obviously is not going to be used by us because the building is not even finished yet.

First thing, let's ponder this question for a good decade or so. Who the hell put Mr. H.S. in charge of the whole construction, design, color, and "rules" of a multi-million dollar building?

Usually, there is some kind of committee that convenes over these matters, right? Yes, for all those who pass through the doors of this rec-center must follow H.S.'s Golden Rules. Who told him that the rules he set are the right ones? There was no committee to second any of his decisions. I guess that because of these rules, one-third of the building must be "golden". Or in this case- yellow, sunshine, lemon, or mustard.

Now, for our second gripe. There are approximately 3,000 students here at Mansfield University. We paid about \$100 last semester for the rec-center to be finished by the beginning of this semester. It wasn't, and we accepted the fact that it wouldn't be ready until after spring break.

Well, spring break came and went and we still do not have a rec-center. Technically all the students lost about \$200 because it went to a service that no one was able to take advantage of. If we were seniors that were graduating this semester and had paid that money for nothing we would be quite pissed. What does the university have to say about that?

The rec-center we use now was nice....30 years ago, the new rec-center would be nice if we could use it. All we are trying to say is that one: Mansfield should hire contractors that will get things done when they say it will be done, and two: give the students a say in university decisions. After all, aren't we the ones who are fitting the bill?

Danny Jackson and Cards faces more bad luck

ST. LOUIS (AP) _ The three-year, \$10.8 million contract Danny Jackson signed with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1994 is about the last good thing that's happened to him.

With three victories to show for the first two seasons and a late start forecast for this year, he could go down as one of the monumental free-agent busts.

Jackson's scorecard since joining the team is a medical report, starting with the removal of a cancerous thyroid shortly after he signed.

During the 1995 season he had stamina problems because he was overmedicated for the condition, then he sprained an ankle so severely it required offseason surgery. Last season he wasn't ready until August and pitched in only a handful of games.

At the end of the season he found the medication that was best for him on the mound, only it could cut years off his life.

And now he's on the shelf until at least early May after pulling a rib-cage muscle in his first spring start, an injury he believes is related to his thyroid condition.

"I know I have a good slider

and a good split-finger fastball and I know I can get people out," said Jackson, who was left in St. Petersburg, Fla., for extended spring training at the start of the season. "But they wonder, when's he going to get out there, and how long is he going to last? I felt snake-bit a long time ago."

The year before he joined the Cardinals, Jackson led NL left-handers with 14 victories. In 1988 he was a 23-game winner and finished second in the Cy Young voting.

He has pitched in five playoff series and been on three World Series teams. Jackson was also supposed to be La Russa's fifth starter before the latest setback.

"What can you do?" La Russa said. "I'm counting on him at some point. He's going to heal at some point."

Jackson doesn't know what to think. Doctors in Baltimore and Kansas City have told him they know of no other professional athletes without a thyroid, which among other things regulates body energy.

"Until you lose a thyroid you don't even know what the doggone thing is," Jackson said. "It's a very, very important piece of your body."

Without that regulator, frequently he runs out of gas.

"I'm used to doing sprints and things, going out there and kicking it up a notch for the last two or three sprints, being the leader of the pack," Jackson said. "I can't do that anymore, there's nothing to suck up."

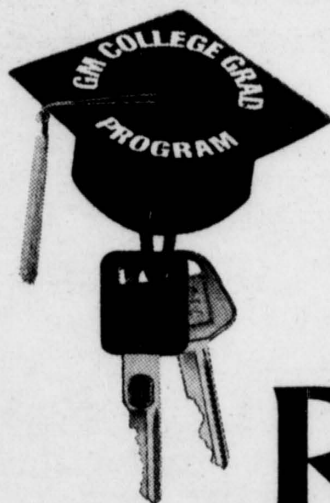
Jackson believes the rib-cage injury is a case in point because he was hurt in the second inning of an exhibition game.

"When you pull a muscle, it's fatigue," Jackson said. "If I did it in the seventh inning, OK, but it happened in the second inning."

Jackson said he felt a lot better on the mound late last season because his medication level was so high. He was 1-1 with a 4.46 ERA in 13 games, four of them starts.

But he said it's not worth it if the medication shortens his life, and briefly during spring training he considered retiring.

"I want to be around a long time for my kids and watch them grow up and have grandchildren," Jackson said. "Just like everybody else. I don't want people feeling sorry for me, I'm not looking for that. I'm just being honest with myself."

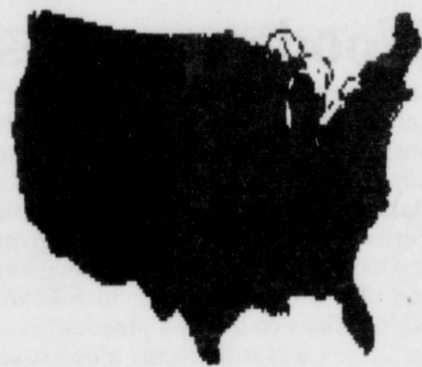


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Around the Nation

Clintons deny official hush-up of key figures

WASHINGTON - Hillary Rodham Clinton Thursday denied administration officials tried to hush up a key figure in the Whitewater investigation by finding him work, calling the suggestion part of a "never-ending fictional conspiracy."

She said the fuss over the Whitewater probe reminded her of "some people's obsession with UFOs and the Hale-Bopp comet some days."

Hours later, President Clinton threw back his head and laughed when he heard about his wife's remark. "Did she say that? That's pretty good," he told reporters.

Asked if he agreed with Mrs. Clinton's assessment, the president added: "If I didn't, I wouldn't disagree with her in public."

As for suggestions that administration officials tried to buy the silence of former presidential friend Webb Hubbell after he resigned from the Justice Department under an ethical cloud, Mrs. Clinton said, "That was not the intention of anyone that I'm aware of to try to help him in what they thought was his time of need."

"There isn't anything to be hushed up," she added in a radio interview on WAMU's "Diane Rehm Show."

Mrs. Clinton, who was a law partner of Hubbell's in Little Rock before both moved to Washington, said he was "somebody who people wanted to help to get through what they thought was a rough patch in his life."

Hubbell has acknowledged lying to the Clintons and telling them that there was no basis for charges against him. He later pleaded guilty to bilking his former law firm and its clients, including the federal government, of hundreds of thousands of dollars and agreed to assist Whitewater prosecutors.

Whitewater prosecutors, frustrated by Hubbell's memory lapses in the

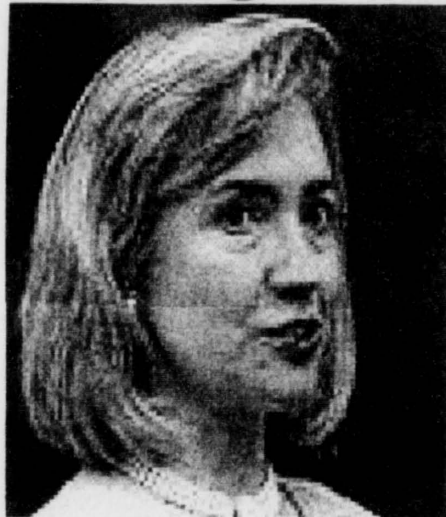


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Mrs. Clinton denies administration tried to buy the silence of key investigative figures including Webb Hubbell a former law associate of the Clintons in Arkansas.

probe of the Clintons' finances and his absolute refusal to take any sort of lie detector test whatsoever, are now investigating whether the financial assistance was designed to improperly influence Hubbell's cooperation.

"There's no evidence of that," Mrs. Clinton said. "There will not be any evidence of that."

In recent interviews, Hubbell has said he hasn't talked to Clinton since his guilty plea but he is sorry for lying to his old friend. "I accept the apology," Clinton said Thursday. "I'm not angry with him because he paid a very high price for the mistake he made."

Mrs. Clinton dismissed the Whitewater probe as a "never-ending fictional conspiracy" and said she had "none whatsoever" concerns about being indicted herself.

"This is the endless saga that someday, perhaps in my lifetime, will end," she said. "But at this point, I don't pay much attention to it. I just try to cooperate and try to be as cheerful about this five years of inquiry that has gone on as I can be."

CALENDAR

Saturday 4/12/97

Gary Holmes/Pam Krum Joint Junior Trumpet/Horn Recital at Stedman Theatre

1pm Baseball away at Shippensburg
1pm Softball away at Millersville
8pm Sigma movie, featuring "DragonHeart" at Zanzibar, followed by regular Zanzibar program at 10pm.

Sunday 4/13/97

1pm Baseball at home vs. Millersville

Monday 4/14/97

Softball at home vs. East Stroudsburg
4:30pm Flashlight Meeting in Memorial Hall 217, open to all. Anyone with an interest in anything is urged to

attend.

9pm SGA meeting in 204 Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 4/15/97

1pm Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center
1pm Baseball at home vs. Bloomsburg
1pm AOD Education Office Presents, "Marijuana... For medical reasons only."

Wednesday 4/16/97

10am to 3pm SGA Elections in Manser Lobby.
2:30pm Indoor/Outdoor track away at Lock haven with Bloomsburg
3pm Softball away at Bloomsburg

Dow Jones profits fall in first quarter

NEW YORK (AP) - Dow Jones & Co. reported today that profits fell 33 percent in the first quarter, due largely to difficulties in its Telerate financial information business.

Telerate, recently renamed Dow Jones Markets, is the focus of a \$650 million overhaul. That process, however, has generated controversy as two dissident members of the family that controls Dow Jones, and some on Wall Street, have questioned whether it is too costly.

Dow Jones chairman and chief executive Peter Kann has said electronic financial information is a key part of the company's strategy. Dow Jones owns The Wall Street Journal, Barron's and other financial news businesses.

For the three months ended March 31, Dow Jones earned \$25.4 million, or 27 cents a share, down from \$37.6 million, or 39 cents a share, in the same period a year earlier. Operating income fell 10 percent. Revenue rose to \$606.0 million from \$584.8 million.

The first-quarter earnings included a one-time gain of \$3.5 million, or 4 cents a share, on the sale of American Demographics magazine and its related businesses.

Excluding the gain, Dow Jones' earnings were in line with Wall Street estimates of 24 cents a share. The company's

stock was off 37 1/2 cents, or about 1 percent, on the news to \$40.37 trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Dow Jones' financial information services unit, which includes Dow Jones Markets as well as the company's newswires, saw operating profits fall 84 percent in the quarter. It was the only unit to post a decline.

On Tuesday, the company announced that it had formed an alliance with software maker Microsoft Corp. to help with the overhaul of Dow Jones Markets. The unit provides data like Treasury bond quotes to its clients and has suffered from competition with Bloomberg and Reuters. The overhaul is to take place over 36 to 48 months.

Kann reiterated that the \$650 million revamp of Telerate would reduce earnings to between \$1.20 and \$1.40 per share this year. That represents a significant decline from full-year 1996, in which Dow Jones earned \$190.0 million, or \$1.96 a share.

The company's business publishing unit, which includes The Wall Street Journal and Dow Jones' television operations, reported an operating income gain of 107 percent in the quarter. Ottaway Newspapers, Dow Jones' community newspaper unit, posted a 121 percent improvement.

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Nasdaq

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S&P 500

▼ 2.26 at 758.34

9pm MAC Coffeehouse in the HUT

Thursday 4/17/97

10am to 3pm SGA Elections in Manser Lobby

1pm Baseball at home vs. SUNY-Cortland

1pm International Discussion Hour in MLK Center

7pm MU Film and Lecture Series presents "Strangers on a Train." (1951) starring Robert Walker and Farley Granger in Allen Hall. (Discussion Leader: Professor Edward Washington) Sponsored by the Provost's Office.
9pm to 9am Flashlight layout begins

Friday 4/18/97

1 pm Baseball away at Indiana U of P
Softball away at Kutztown
Daniel Monaghan's Combo Recital at 8pm in Steadman Theatre
10pm Zanzibar at the HUT

Saturday 4/19/97

Concert Choir at 8pm in Steadman Theatre
MAC Movie at 8pm in Allen Hall, featuring "101 Dalmations."
Indoor/Outdoor Track away at Lafayette University.
Sigma Movie featuring, "Beautiful Girls" at 8pm in Zanzibar followed by regular Zanzibar program at 10pm.

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The Flashlight

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Winnie clinches SGA presidency for 97/98

by Darren A. Meehan
 news editor

Student Government Association Speaker Steve Winnie was elected SGA president and Michelle Hosey was elected vice president in this week's annual SGA elections.

According to the results of the voting which took place last Wednesday and Thursday, Winnie received 302 of the 383 total votes tabulated and is set to replace acting SGA President Mark Smith for the fall 1997 and spring 1998 semesters. Winnie currently sits on the Council of Trustees as the Student representative and is also on the Committee on Finance.

Steve Winnie was not available for comment.

Winnie and Hosey were the

only team running for president and vice president. Winnie faced Cindy Albano for the head of SGA and Hosey edged out Rob Thomas and Ben Calder for the vice presidency.

After learning of her victory Thursday night, Hosey, a sophomore Elementary Education major shared her feelings.

"I'm excited and honored," she said, adding that any of the three candidates running for the position would have been an excellent choice.

"I honestly thought Rob Thomas was going to win. I think any one of us three would do a great job."

In the vice-president race Hosey received 212 votes, Calder, 87, and Thomas, 75. Hosey will replace current V.P. Kim Kochin and hopes to fill

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photo by Megan Sallade

Jan Miller (back) and Beth Kramer (front) take part in this year's Student Government elections while Eric Dunkle supervises voting.

Kelchner's contract renewed MU president maintains position through year 2000

by Darren A. Meehan
 news editor

Mansfield University's Council of Trustees unanimously voted February 27 to extend President Rod Kelchner's contract beyond the turn of the century. The decision was made in accordance with a recommendation based on an Informal Presidential Review.

Kelchner, who just returned from his annual approximately month-long vacation, finds the decision gratifying.

"It make you feel good," he said. "In this job, you have to make difficult decisions and it's good to know people have confidence and find most of what you're doing acceptable."

Kelchner added that this confidence makes his job easier but he still finds difficulty in his position.

"This job is difficult without the confidence and support of those who matter," he said. "This university has been underfunded for years, and it is a real challenge to balance the budget in a way that the university can continue."

He also added that "I tried to show the trustees that we had a plan, a vision, for the future."

According to Kelchner, the trustees review his three year contract every year. If they find his performance satisfying, they add another year to the contract. This plan allows the person the time to either improve his record or find another job if the council rejects his or her extension. The latest extension to the contract makes him president until June 30, 2000.

One of the plans, like North Hall, that Kelchner has endured has been the building of the new Recreation Center. On Thursday, Kelchner toured the new facility with Hugh



photo by Brent McCallus

Mansfield University president Rod Kelchner. Kelchner's contract was renewed last February for another three years.

Schintzius, director of recreation, and one of the administrators overseeing the project.

Among the complaints students on campus had about this new building is the choice of color.

"It is a really awesome building, but I think the yellow looks ridiculous," Jesse Lucks, MU freshman said.

According to Kelchner, the

"golden rod" exterior shouldn't surprise many people.

"Hugh took so much flack for that and you know, I looked at the model and never thought, and nobody ever said anything to me about that color. I know I saw it," he added, "and others saw it and I didn't hear one complaint."

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MU to remove phones from dorm rooms

by Josh Cusatis
 editor in chief

Starting this fall semester, students living on campus in dorm rooms will no longer have phones provided for free by the campus.

According to Mansfield University director of residence life Michael Lemasters, after the summer students will have to either supply their own phone or purchase a phone from the university.

"We just want to get out of this business," Lemasters said. "We're taking out all of the phones this summer. But the phone jacks will still be in the rooms."

Lemasters said that students will still be provided phones over the summer, and that there is a good reason for the university to stop its current phone policy.

"The time spent on repairing them is too great," he said. "We want to put more time into our work with the Internet and cable. Many students also like to bring their own phones and answering machines too."

According to Lemasters, removing the phones was only one of the possibilities that was discussed.

"We went before All Residence Hall Council last semester with three different ideas," Lemasters said. "We were either going to buy new phones, do nothing or do away with the phones. The vote was unanimous to get rid of them."

Lemasters said that the phones will still be available to the student body.

"We have no need to keep a thousand phones," Lemasters said. "They're still usable so we're going to sell them to students that want them for a minimal price. Once they buy them they're theirs."

According to Lemasters, the decision to remove the phones came from a number of people.

"It was a group suggestion between a number of people and Telecommunications," Lemasters said.

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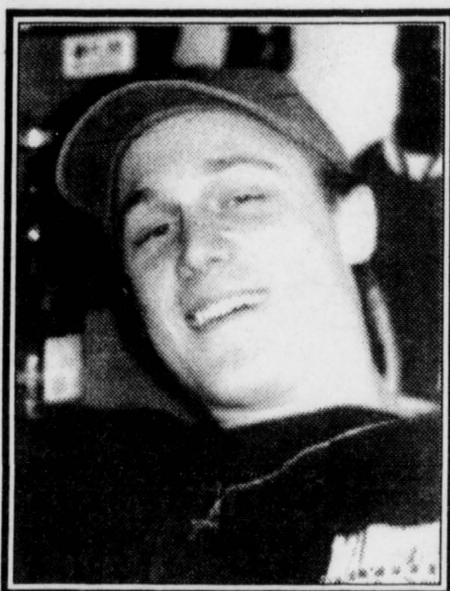
by Akeelah Brooks

"Did you vote in the Student Government elections?
Why or why not."



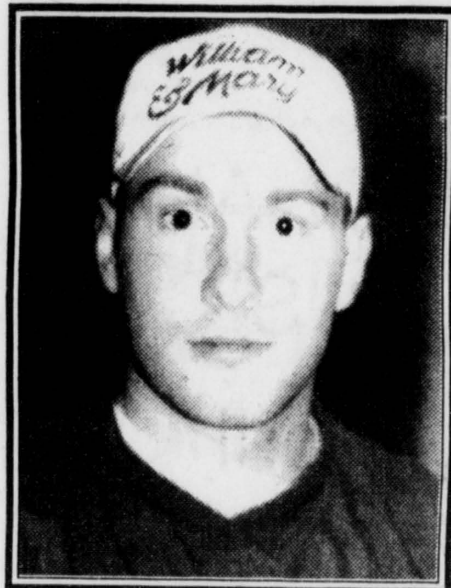
Thoung Lam
senior

"Yes, I voted because it's something that I can have an opinion to that counts."



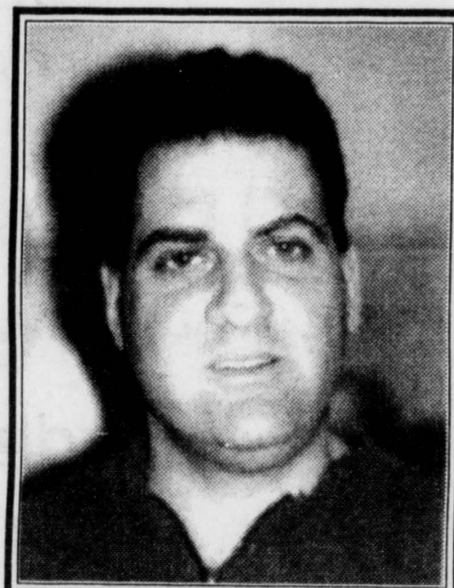
Eric Healy
sophomore

"Yes, because I'm trying to represent for MU, you know. That's right."



Bryan Zarzedez
junior

"No. By the time I found out about the election it had already taken place."



Joe D'Alessandro
sophomore

"Yes, because I feel it's a privilege and I wanted to exercise my right to vote."

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her shoes well.

"She (Kochin) is a great person all around. One of her biggest things is that she doesn't think there is enough unity on this campus," Hosey said.

Hosey said her job requires assigning people to committees and helping the SGA president.

Of the 212 votes Hosey received, she feels most of the support came from different segments of the population.

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Joe Maresco, vice-president of Student Affairs added that the model, a scaled down replica complete with the golden color, was on public display.

"The original model was on display all over campus and we had open meetings with students and the SGA," he said. "Probably thousands saw it, and I never noticed the color; it never jumped out at me."

Lately, Kelchner's critics have been silenced by his success. Last year, he opened North Hall, a \$10 million library complete with Internet accessible computers. In the coming years, Kelchner will try to raise enrollment, a problem he feels is affected by the non-resident raise in tuition.

"Obviously, one of my major concerns is enrollment. We have been on a decline," he said, "and I would like to put my finger on the problem. Why can't we pick up the difference from those non-residents who don't come because of the increase in price?"

According to Kelchner, MU needs 3200 students for full enrollment and currently has about 2900. He hopes students might have suggestions on how to resolve the situation.

"I want to know if the technology is helping students learn, but I'm not sophisticated enough to know if it is truly helping," he said.

Kelchner also addressed his vacation timing upon returning from his mid-semester getaway. He said people

"I feel a lot of people that supported me were the black students and athletes," she said. "A lot of professors I have wished me good luck and said I'd be a good vice president. I just want to thank all the people that voted for me."

Joe Maresco, vice president of Student Affairs, found the voter turnout far from representative of the campus, but was encouraged by the results.

"385 votes is not bad," he said. "It is certainly not a high percentage of the student body, but it is not bad."

should understand that spring is actually a better time for him to go away.

"There are probably more reasons for me to be here in the summer. The budgets are around in the summer and must be finalized by July," he noted. "There are staffing decisions, fall semester problems; there are a lot of administrative decisions that need to be taken care of for the summer. In the summer, we have Alumni Weekend and student orientation; I like to be here for them."

He also added, "plus, counting Spring Break, we're (Mr. and Mrs. Kelchner) only gone about two and a half weeks during school."

Kelchner, an honorary with Lambda Chi Alpha, said he thinks the campus and the Greek society need to find a common ground where they can benefit one another.

"Somehow, we haven't found a way to make the Greek society work on this campus. Something went awry," he said, "we needed a wakeup call."

Kelchner also said that the greek lifestyle is not for everyone, but they are important to the university. He said the two sides must find the most beneficial solution.

"They have an important role on this campus but we need to ask 'Are we providing an experience where students can benefit from it?' I'd like to find a win/win situation with the Greeks," he concluded, "but right now we don't have one."

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SGA recommends budget

By Joey West
Staff reporter

Mansfield University's Committee on Finance made their 1997/1998 budget recommendations for all university funded student organizations at the weekly Student Government Association meeting on Monday.

The budget, which came in front of SGA for approval, was approved by a close vote of six to seven, with eight abstentions. MU president, Rod Kelchner, has yet to approve the allocations.

COF meets annually with every funded student organization and discusses how to properly divide student activity fees between the organizations and the athletic department. According to the partially approved budget, the athletics are the big winners, receiving 42 percent of the total money to be allocated.

"I'd just like to point out that athletics, cheerleaders, intermurals, and the training room add up to \$250,000 out of the \$460,000 (acquired in student activities funds). Significantly more than half of the allocations," said Gene Yager, a SGA senator. "That to me is just a little nuts."

Joe Maresco, SGA advisor and vice president of student affairs, clarified that "intermurals has nothing to do with athletics" and that the training room is reserved for only physical education classes, university athletics, and intermurals due to the licensing involved.

Yager went on to question how COF came up with the funding proposal and asked how they decide how much to give each organization.

"The debate club, as far as I know, has one person in it," Yager said. "And they are receiving \$2500."

Kim Kochin, a member of COF, said that COF has a number of criteria they look at when considering how much to allot to each organization.

"We have a whole list of criteria's," Kochin said. "A very detailed budget."

Kochin added that organizations should try to make their own money before asking for money from COF.

Yager had questions of just what kind of criteria COF goes by.

"Judging by your criteria, athletics is that much beyond every other organization," said Yager. "Percentage wise, it's that much better than every one else's organization."

Maresco pointed out just how much of their own funding that the athletics programs actually raises.

"They raised about \$300,000," Maresco said. "Everything is relevant."

SGA senators questioning of the COF allocations continued when Cindy Albano brought up why COF allotted the Ski Club \$4500, while the International Student Organization only got \$2200 in this next year's budget.

"The Ski Club is getting more than twice the amount the International Student Organization," Albano said. "What message is that sending to our international students?"

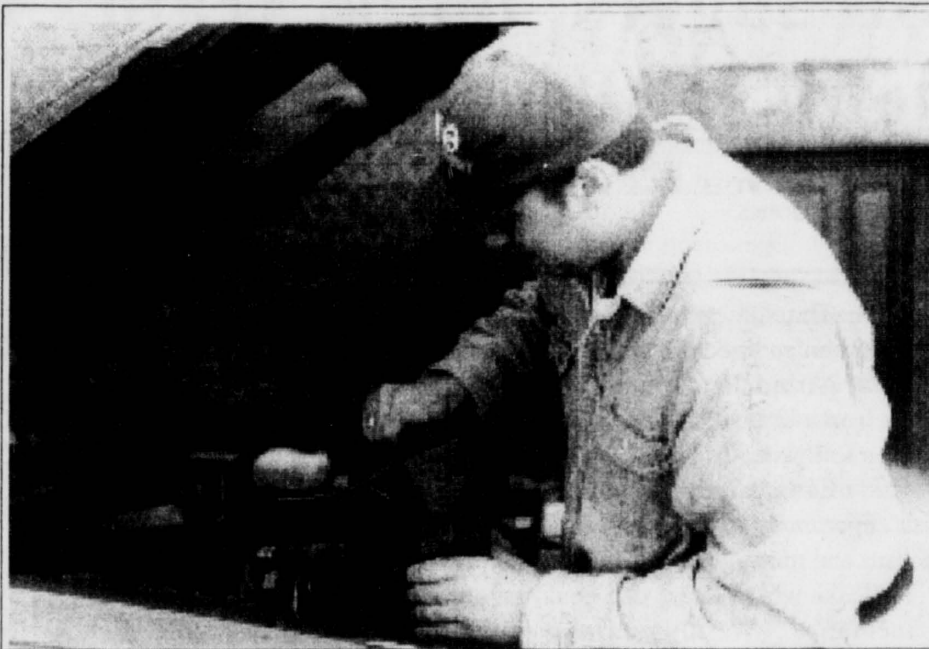


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Student government president Mark Smith demonstrates battery packs which SGA purchased for the campus police. According to officer Doug Thomas, the battery packs cost \$120 apiece, and will be used to jump-start cars with dead batteries on campus. In order to use the battery packs, Thomas said, one will need to produce a valid driver licence. According to Thomas, the battery packs will be available 24 hours a day.

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01:50 Medical assist. Unconscious female student. Subject transported to Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.	11:00 Report of harassment.	
22:26 Report of harassment.	11:05 Parking privileges revoked.	
	11:45 Criminal mischief.	
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09:30 Water leak in Belknap Hall. Maintenance notified.	08:38 Vehicle towed.	
10:30 Campus property recovered.	11:38 Parking privileges revoked.	
	13:30 Vehicle towed.	
	14:20 Vehicle towed.	
	21:00 Motor vehicle accident.	
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MU alumni and employees form panel discussion group

By Darren A. Meehan
news editor

Three Mansfield University alumni and an MU employee formed a panel discussion group for the Business and Professional Communications class Tuesday morning where they gave the students advice and tips about interviewing.

The panel, which consisted of alumni Mike Collins, Steve Buchholz, Alan Sorber and MU public relations director, Scott Miller, addressed some of the concerns the students had about the interviewing process.

Dr. Susan Carrish invited the

speakers to the class and allowed her students to ask any questions about the job seeking process.

"There was no limit to what they could ask," she said.

Miller, a 1983 Penn State graduate, was impressed by the maturity of the students and the "total preparedness and depth of questions."

"Questions like 'What skills are employees looking for that you don't get in any class?'," Miller said. "They didn't just ask the surface questions."

Sorber also found the class valuable and wishes he could have had this class when he was here.

"They were all questions I had this time last year like, 'What should I

do with an unanswerable question'," said the 1996 graduate and Corning, Inc. employee. "They were the same things I felt."

Collins, a 1995 public relations graduate of MU and currently employed as a Marketing Assistant at Chemung Canal Trust Co., agreed and added that the lessons learned through this discussion should be available to all the students.

"This should be a mandatory class in the senior year just like Com 101 is for freshmen regardless of their career plans, because panels like this are real life experience," Collins said. "It's not anything they can get from a textbook."

December 1993 journalism graduate Buchholz, who works for the Elmira Star Gazette thinks this class extends beyond the classroom.

"If I had the class, I would have been better prepared for things," he said. "I wish I had that class in Mansfield. It teaches you a lot of things you need to know."

Sorber also said that the students could not fully understand everything that was to come with graduation and the hunt for a job, but he hoped they learned something.

"I hope the students came away with a start of understanding or a hint of what's to come," he said. "If one student came away with one tool to use during an interview, it is worth it."

"Strangers on a train" shown at Allen auditorium

By Thomas A. Jones
Wire editor

On Thursday, the Mansfield University Film and Lecture series presented the Alfred Hitchcock film, "Strangers on a Train," in Allen Hall. Discussion following the movie was led by Professor Edward Washington of the English department and concerned the symbolism and messages of the film.

"I like what I guess you could call cinematics," Washington said. "Hitchcock often likes to talk to you cinematically with the camera."

According to Washington, a strong point of the movie was the use of double meanings for words and symbols. He said this is an illustration of Hitchcock's relentless pursuit of significant details.

The movie opens with the image of a train crossing many tracks as it speeds to its destination. Inside the train,

two individuals have a chance meeting. Guy Haines, played by Farley Granger, is an excellent tennis player traveling to visit his girlfriend. On the way, he meets Bruno Antony. Bruno begins to talk to Guy and the soon suggests that they take care of each others problem. Specifically, Bruno volunteers to murder Guy's wife, allowing Guy to live peacefully with his girlfriend, if Guy will kill Bruno's father who prevents Bruno from inheriting the family fortune.

Guy refuses. However, Bruno assumes that Guy quite seriously wants his wife murdered so Bruno does just that. This involves both individuals in a web of deceit and danger. The suspense builds until a visually stunning climax resolves situation.

At the conclusion of the move, Washington explained the different textures of the film.

"Symbolism is different from realism," he said. "You try to find truth behind symbols, but it does intend to symbolize a crisscross."



photo by McCallus

The band Division Street, pictured above, played coffeehouse Wednesday night. The band is made up of (left to right), The band hails from Boston and, according to coffeehouse chairman Eddie Gorman plays music which sounds like Collective Soul. The band, which is represented by Plaid Cat Records can be reached via mail at Division Street, PO Box 854, Boston MA 02123-0854; by phone at 1-800-862-1622; or via e-mail at fans@divisionst.com.

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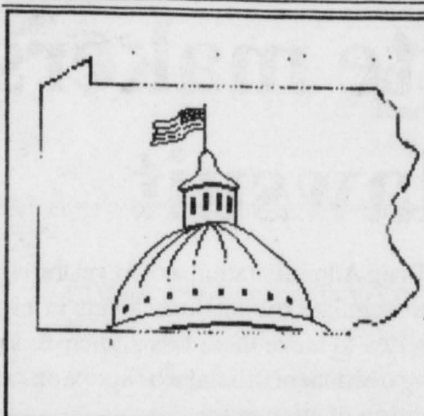
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Pennsylvania in the news

Negotiators in steel strike see "no end in sight"

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A steel strike already marked by numerous fits and starts once again has no end in sight after negotiations failed in just three hours, even with the intervention of a U.S. senator.

Officials for Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. and the United Steelworkers of America met briefly Tuesday morning with Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W. Va., and reported no progress.

Union officials said management raised pension issues that were not supposed to be on the agenda. A five-person company delegation called for two breaks and informed Steelworkers negotiators they were leaving.

"Mostly, it just makes me more determined to stay out," said Elmer Swalin, a 32-year employee of the Wheeling-Pitt mill in Allenport in the Monongahela River Valley.

About 4,500 Wheeling-Pitt employees went on strike Oct. 1 in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. The strike has become the longest major walkout in the steel industry, surpassing a 116-day strike at U.S. Steel.

No new talks were scheduled. Rockefeller said he still sees the chance for a settlement and remains "determined to make this process work in spite of all the difficulties."

The agenda Tuesday was only supposed to include health care, factory procedures and other issues but not pensions, union officials said. They said they had discussed pensions with Rockefeller in earlier talks.

The Steelworkers want a guaranteed pension both in length and dollar amounts. Wheeling-Pitt management wants a sweetened version of the cur-

rent pension in which contributions are guaranteed but payouts are tied to market forces.

Steelworkers negotiator Jim Bowen said he suspected the order to abandon talks came from Ron LaBow, chairman of Wheeling-Pitt parent company WHX Corp. of New York. LaBow had no comment in a telephone call Tuesday evening.

"He may have a heart of stone, but our people have souls of steel," Bowen said at a news conference.

Union officials believe the company's negotiating tactics violate labor laws that require both sides to bargain in good faith.

"This illegal action demonstrates conclusively that Ron LaBow has no interest in bargaining a reasonable labor agreement," Bowen said.

Wheeling-Pitt millwright Swalin said workers made sacrifices for the company when it was in financial trouble, including a filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and set three production records in Allenport.

"Ron LaBow promised us this pension, and then he went back on his word. That makes him a liar. That's just my opinion," Swalin said.

The strike is costing Wheeling-Pitt \$500,000 to \$750,000 per day, said Ron Bloom, a union negotiator. He estimated the company had \$400 million in cash reserves but questioned the wisdom of draining that money to try to weaken the union. Jim Wiater, a union spokesman, did not immediately return a telephone call early Tuesday evening.

Union officials said John Sweeney, the president of the AFL-CIO, will appear with strikers at a rally April 26.

State Physician supports Gov. Ridge's state liquor store plan

HARRISBURG (AP) — By endorsing Gov. Tom Ridge's plan to sell the state's chain of liquor stores, Physician General Wanda Filer is putting politics before public health, Senate Democrats claim.

Filer, a family physician who became the state's first physician general last year, came under attack after sending a letter in defense of Ridge's plan to Senate Democratic Leader Robert Mellow.

Mellow said Tuesday he was "shocked" to learn that Filer supports the plan, which entails selling the 656 Wine & Spirit Shoppes and allow another 100 stores to open under private management.

In her letter to Mellow, dated April 1, Filer states Pennsylvania should not be in any business that entails marketing addictive substances to the public. "Frankly, I do not see the proposed privatization plan as a threat to Pennsylvania's public health."

Filer did not return two telephone calls on Tuesday.

Mellow and other critics insist that it

would be easier to buy liquor under Ridge's plan, which increases the number of liquor outlets and allows them to stay open until 11 p.m. — at least an hour later than they do now.

He said Filer's job, to advise the governor on medical issues and to dispense health advice to the state's residents, would be on the line if she does not advocate the administration's position.

"Her main interest," Mellow said, "was not the family, was not health. It was political in supporting the gov."

Filer is not the only high-level Ridge appointee to endorse the proposal. Shortly after Ridge unveiled his proposal in March, five Cabinet secretaries were dispatched to meet with newspaper editorial boards across the state to lobby for the proposal.

Education Secretary Eugene Hickok, Health Secretary Daniel Hoffmann, Revenue Secretary Robert Judge, Environmental Protection Secretary James Seif and Labor Secretary Johnny Butler all made pitches for the plan.

\$16.9 billion budget to be approved soon

HARRISBURG (AP) — Legislative leaders intend to meet within the next few weeks to hammer out a compromise budget, after the Senate rejected a House plan to spend \$141 million more than Gov. Tom Ridge proposed.

After little more than two hours of debate Monday evening, the Senate overwhelmingly approved \$16.9 billion for fiscal year 1997-98.

Though that spending plan is closer to Ridge's budget, the Senate voted knowing a conference committee will write a final, compromise version.

"The document before us is not the finished product," Senate Majority Leader F. Joseph Loeper, R-Delaware said. "I think there will be significant discussions over the next several weeks that could lead to changes."

Members of the General Assembly are expected to vote on a revised budget and send it to Ridge sometime in early May. Except for a few minor changes, the document that lands on his desk will keep to Ridge's spending priorities, which includes a \$100 million increase in basic education.

A number of factors are behind the motivation to pass the budget earlier than expected this year. The new fiscal year does not start until July 1, and typically the governor does not receive an approved budget until late June.

One factor is that Republican Ridge enjoys widespread support in the GOP-controlled Legislature for most elements of his budget, which would cut \$67 million in taxes for businesses and the working poor.

More important is a mounting surplus in revenues that many legislators predict will top \$500 million before the fiscal year ends on June 30.

Democrats have crowed about spending the money to avoid a gas-tax hike, which Ridge has proposed as part of his plan to raise \$400 million a year for road construction. They have also suggested lowering the personal income tax.

Monday's debate began with Sen. Vince Fumo, D-Philadelphia, citing other surpluses, including more than \$250 million in the state Rainy Day Fund and \$100 million in the Motor License Fund.

"We are holding on to in this common-

wealth almost a billion dollars," Fumo said.

Ridge and his fellow Republicans see dark clouds on the economic horizon and want to stash most of the surplus away as a safeguard against an economic downturn next year.

The governor, all 203 members of the House and half of the senators are up for re-election next year.

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-Majority Leader Joseph Loeper

The state Revenue Department's monthly report in March had calculated that the surplus had reached \$370 million, almost half of which Ridge has earmarked for his spending priorities in the budget.

The House-passed version of the budget spent another \$141 million of the surplus on a grocery list of items, from replacing old textbooks to additional money for mass transit, all of which the Senate discarded.

During the debate, Republicans defeated every Democratic attempt to change the budget with amendments that redirected more spending to social and educational programs and school subsidies.

One defeated proposal would have taken \$9.5 million from state prisons and put it toward crime prevention.

Loeper said the chamber's action on the budget was only a procedural step to move the legislation into the conference committee of legislative leaders.

"I'm going to ask for a negative vote on ... any amendment that is offered today because, like I said, we are trying to move this process forward," he said.

The first items the conference committee is expected to agree on are restoring municipal sewer grants; providing protection to 23 communities that rely on the state police; and keeping three poison control centers.

Ridge wants to phase out the grants, charge for police protection and consolidate poison control into one statewide center.

PNC Bank's profits increase nearly 16% in first quarter

PITTSBURGH (AP) — PNC Bank Corp. said Tuesday its profits increased 16 percent per share compared to the first quarter of 1996 despite marketing expenses for new AAA services.

PNC's net income totalled \$266 million, or 80 cents a share, compared to \$238 million, or 69 cents a share, in the same period of 1996.

Thomas H. O'Brien, PNC's chairman and chief executive officer, said the first-quarter profits were in line with the company's expectations. He attributed the earnings to an overall growth in fee-based businesses.

The net interest margin, which measures the earning power of assets, widened to 3.98 percent, compared with 3.73 percent last year.

The nation's 11th-largest bank has been eliminating derivatives and other securities from its holdings to reduce

exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Securities declined \$4.7 billion to \$10.1 billion, representing 15.8 percent of average earning assets compared with 22.6 percent in the same period last year.

The bank's total assets fell \$1.5 billion in the first quarter to \$71.2 billion due to the continued reduction of the securities portfolio. PNC has sold \$1.5 billion worth of securities since December.

PNC has been investing in the aggressive marketing of services to AAA members nationwide after buying AAA credit card portfolios worth \$1.6 billion in the fourth quarter of last year. That investment partially offset the bank's profits, O'Brien said.

PNC has consumer banking offices across Pennsylvania, Delaware, Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana and mortgage offices in 30 states.



Around the Nation

East River helicopter crash being investigated

NEW YORK (AP) — A midtown heliport reopened to traffic as investigators examined the wreckage of a helicopter that crashed into the East River, killing a company executive and injuring three other people.

The co-pilot was released from a hospital Wednesday, less than 24 hours after the aircraft lost its tail rotor on take-off and plunged into the river 10 feet from shore during evening rush hour Tuesday.

Witnesses and the co-pilot reported a bang as the chopper reached 30 feet, then spun twice in the air and fell into the water, National Transportation Safety Board investigator Bob Hancock said.

The tail rotor of the twin-engine Eurocopter BK117 was found in the heliport waiting room at the water's edge, a few feet from where it took off, he added.

Hancock would not speculate on the source of the bang other than to say the tail boom did not strike the building before the rotor flew off.

"We have no evidence of contact on the outside of the building," he said. "This thing separated some time prior" to the crash.

The tail rotor serves as a rudder to keep a helicopter from spinning in the opposite direction of its main rotor. The source of the noise was unclear, but could have been the rotor coming loose or something hitting the tail.

In 1995, the Federal Aviation Administration ordered Eurocopter to modify latches on that model's engine access

doors after five incidents in which the doors tore off during flight.

The FAA said the modifications were necessary to prevent the doors from flying into the main or tail rotor blades.

The helicopter that crashed Tuesday was involved in another incident on Dec. 1, 1993, when a piece called the bellows, a sheathing beneath the main rotor blades atop the cabin, tore off during flight. The FAA rated that incident a five on a severity scale of zero to five.

FAA records showed 83 incidents since 1990 in which bellows on BK117s needed replacing. Most were rated four or five.

But Hancock said the bellows on the East River helicopter were intact.

"So far there's no evidence of problems with the cockpit (levers and gauges) or the engines," the NTSB investigator added.

A call placed to Eurocopter's U.S. headquarters in Grand Prairie, Texas, was not returned.

The wreckage of the 8-year-old blue-and-white chopper, owned by Colgate-Palmolive, was stored Wednesday in the heliport hangar. The rear fuselage had gaping holes, and only a small piece of one of the four blades was still atop the cabin.

The tail section completely tore away from the fuselage as it crashed upside down in 50 feet of water.

Co-pilot Rick Bird, of Whippany, N.J., walked out of Metropolitan Hospital Wednesday after overnight treatment,

TWA Flight 800 is imposing a "financial burden" on agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — The long-running investigation of the explosion of TWA Flight 800 is imposing a financial burden on an agency in charge of solving the deadly crash.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Wednesday that he expects to spend \$26.8 million on the probe, "the most costly and complex in the safety board's history," by the time it is completed.

The New York-to-Paris flight exploded off the coast of Long Island last July 17, killing all 230 people aboard. While investigators have concluded that the blast occurred in the center fuel tank of the Boeing 747, they are still investigating whether this was caused by an accident, a bomb or a missile.

If an aircraft crashes on land the airline is generally responsible for recovery and removal of the wreckage, Hall explained. "In accidents occurring over water, or where the probable cause may be criminal in nature, the responsibilities are not so clear."

In the case of TWA Flight 800, Hall

said: "I asked for the early financial participation of the carrier, manufacturer and engine supplier and all declined."

The NTSB has a budget of around \$40 million with a \$1 million emergency fund. It obtained a \$6 million extra appropriation last year to help with the investigation and is asking for an extra \$20.2 million in 1997 because of the costs of this crash.

The biggest single cost, Hall said, is to reimburse the Navy for the expense of recovering the wreckage and bodies of the victims from the ocean, a process that is continuing. In addition, the safety board has rented a large airplane hangar nearby where it is assembling the downed aircraft in an effort to determine the cause of the crash. Many of its Washington-based staff members have been working on Long Island since the disaster.

Because a bomb or missile could have caused the tragedy, the FBI is also involved in the investigation and it, too, has spent large sums on the effort.

Top cigarette makers may settle lawsuit

In what could mark a major turning point in tobacco litigation, the nation's top two cigarette makers are negotiating a settlement that reportedly could cost as much as \$300 billion, give the companies a blanket amnesty and retire the Marlboro Man.

The talks are with the attorneys general of Minnesota, Florida, Connecticut, Mississippi, Washington, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and Arizona, Minnesota Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III told The Associated Press today.

He and others involved in the negotiations with Philip Morris Cos. and RJR Nabisco cautioned that the parties were

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—Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles

far from an agreement.

"Basically, what I'm doing is I'm listening," Humphrey said. "I think the tobacco industry is in big trouble and they know it, so they are finally beginning to come to the table. I think their proposals still fall short of what we'd be interested in. It's not a good enough deal for the public yet."

"This is so preliminary," said April Herrle, spokeswoman for Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles. "This deal, even if it were to be successful, is going to take a long time."

At a shareholders meeting in Winston-Salem, N.C., today, RJR Nabisco officials wouldn't discuss the negotiations. Philip Morris also declined to comment.

The sweeping settlement would absolve the industry of liability for smoking-related health problems in return for the payments, which would be spread over 25 years, and an agreement to cut back on advertising, especially those aimed at children, a source familiar with the negotiations told the AP.

The states were pressing for the companies to agree to a limited immunity, providing recourse if the industry concealed information or tried to figure out ways around the agreement to market cigarettes to kids, the source said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"The industry is in the low 2s and the plaintiffs are in the upper 3s. There is no consensus on the money," the source said, confirming a report in The Wall Street Journal today.

Another key is whether the Food and

Arizona warplane search continues

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — There's mystery but no cover-up in the search for an Arizona warplane missing 11 days, Colorado Rep. Scott McInnis and Gov. Roy Romer say.

"This is a big mystery to us all. We do not have important information that is not being revealed," McInnis, R-Colo., said Friday as searchers again were unable to do much because of bad weather.

McInnis and Romer to make sure every effort is made to determine what happened to the plane and why.

They and several top-ranking Air Force officials converged on this snow-shrouded town for a news conference about the missing A-10 Thunderbolt warplane and its pilot, Capt. Craig But-

ton, 32.

Drug Administration would get the right to regulate the nicotine levels in cigarettes to make them less addictive, said a government official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The tobacco companies are adamantly against any such future regulation, which goes beyond the FDA's current regulations, the source said.

But at least two of the state attorneys general, including Minnesota's Humphrey, have grave concerns about preventing the FDA from doing that in the future, the source said.

Although the companies have in the past expressed interest in a possible settlement, the talks mark the first time they have actually discussed concessions once considered unthinkable, the newspaper said.

These include giving the FDA regulatory rights, banning all outdoor tobacco advertising, such as Joe Camel billboards, and ceasing to use pictures of people in ads, such as the Marlboro Man.

In return, the companies were asking for shelter from the growing number of liability lawsuits, although the mechanism would require an act of Congress.

On the news of settlement talks, shares of both Philip Morris and Nabisco shot up more than 7 percent in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Philip Morris was up \$2.75 at \$41.75 a share and Nabisco rose \$2.37 1/2 to \$32.62.

Under the plan, the industry would establish a fund from which smokers could seek payments, but they would be banned from suing the cigarette companies.

Unresolved issues could still sink the talks, such as whether Congress would approve the deal.

But the negotiations bring together an unprecedented cast of characters, from Philip Morris chairman Geoffrey Bible to RJR Chairman Steven Goldstone to Deputy White House Counsel Bruce Lindsey, who has been monitoring the situation.

The two cigarette executives also are representing two other tobacco companies in the talks, Loews Corp.'s Lorillard unit and B.A.T. Industries PLC's Brown & Williamson unit, the Journal said.

On the other side are attorneys general from the eight states.

The parties have been meeting on a regular basis over the last two or three weeks in different locations to keep the talks secret, a government source in Washington said.

"My point here is to say to the citizens of Colorado that every effort is being made to find out where this aircraft is," Romer said. "The citizenry ought to be assured that it will be solved in good order."

The search efforts are being coordinated by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, according to Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank Campbell, commander of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

Button, who was stationed at the Arizona base, broke away from a three-plane formation during a flight exercise west of Tucson on April 2 and flew toward central Colorado.

Campus Bulletin Board

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With an SGA position comes responsibilities

By the time this newspaper is on the racks, we, the students of Mansfield University will have elected next years Student Government Association senators and executive board. Who they will be and what they will do is going to have a tremendous impact on our everyday lives as Mansfield University students. Electing members of SGA is the most important decision a student can make after re-enrolling.

The members of Student Government are in charge of making policy and regulatory decisions which effect every student on campus. They are the mediators and communicators between the students and the administration and each senator elected is responsible for representing at least 100 students and with that representation comes great responsibility.

SGA will face a plethora of issues and dilemmas over the next year. To be able to fully comprehend the decisions that must be made, a member of SGA must be among the best and brightest of us all. They must be leaders, and they must be prepared to do what is best for the students of Mansfield University.

SGA Senators must, above all else, be exemplary students. To lead, they must lead by example. They must be able to handle a full course-load and the responsibilities of holding an office.

The most important responsibility for all senators is to remember this: SGA is the last line the students have for defending their rights and privileges acquired by paying tuition. SGA must stand up for all the students.

They must not bow to peer pressure, or do what sounds stylish, for the sake of style.

They need to recognize how overburdened the students already are with tuition, fees, books, and living expenses and keep in mind these concerns when making decisions which affect the entire campus.

SGA must ensure that the students are fairly represented in every aspect of the decision making process. What just a small group of students want is not enough of a consensus to initiate new spending, or to make a decision.

SGA must also be mindful of its actions and be careful of the example it sets for other students. Senators must remember to lead by example. Complaining about a particular problem on campus does not make it go away! Neither does throwing money at it. If the new SGA senate is serious about improving the situation at Mansfield University they must not be afraid to step in and take charge. If they discover that a needed organization is low on volunteers then they should volunteer, or at least work to remedy the problem by urging others to join. Complaining loudly has never, in the history of mankind, solved any problem, anywhere.

Make no mistake, SGA is not a part time job. To be a senator you must be able to give up valuable time to help others. By virtue of your election to the post of senator you join not just SGA, but a myriad of organizations. You represent them. Go to their meetings, communicate with the students and give freely of your time. That is your job. That is what it takes to become an SGA Senator.

The students also bear a responsibility in regards to SGA, however. A student's responsibility does not end with casting a vote. Even after the new senators are elected, a student owes it to themselves, and to their fellow students, to keep up with current SGA events, to go to their meetings, read the weekly report in the *Flashlight*, and even listen to the SGA news on WNTe. Meetings are currently held Monday nights, at 9pm in 204 Memorial Hall. Students interested in their future at Mansfield University in any way should attend and should make their voices heard.

Opinions

Flashlight's quality poor, student says

To the editor:

As an active, full-time student of Mansfield University, I am appalled and outraged at the *Flashlight* staff's apparent lack of respect and concern as to the quality of the "newspaper" they produce. In fact, it was difficult to discern the point at which the April Fool's edition of the *Trashlight* ended and the regular edition of the *Flashlight* began. Both included numerous spelling and grammatical errors. For instance, in the headline for the *Trashlight*, the word "mogul" would be better suited. If on the other hand, the original word choice was intended, the spelling is "mongrel" not "mongrol."

The waste of student funding by the *Flashlight* staff is also sickening. Graffiti cov-

ers most of the available wall space and even defaces light covers and doors. Most of the scribbling is done with markers and pens bought with student funds. Another abuse is the "rubber band war" reported in the calendar of events in the *Flashlight*. The evidence of this was strewn all over Memorial Hall, from the front doors, up the stairs and all over the second floor. The rubber bands were also bought with student funds. You would think that if the staff had the time for a leisurely game of war, they can put out a real newspaper, correctly spelled.

Another thing students pay for is a quality newspaper. How can the quality of the paper improve if the office space allotted to the *Flashlight*

is reminiscent of a war-zone? Early Friday morning, one can walk by and see what I am talking about. Besides the incredible number of pizza boxes and empty soda cans and bottles, there are recent and older issues of the paper laying all over the floor. Perhaps if the staff were to pick up one of each and compare them, they would hang their heads in shame and embarrassment at the low level of journalism they now occupy. Then again perhaps not.

Lastly, the *Flashlight* is supposed to be a newspaper, not a forum for the reporting staff's opinions. Those have their place in the *National Enquirer*.

Change the batteries or stay in the dark.

Gerald T. Bailey, Jr.

Accuracy of WNTe story in question

To the Editor:

In reference to Friday, April 11, 1997, vol. 77, issue 23. Article: "Campus Radio Station Holds Reception...."

I'd like to draw your attention to and clarify some misleading information in this article, as well as, a misquote and a neglect to include all the information presented to the reporter during our interview about the Giant 89.5 reception.

The reception was held to increase campus and

community awareness about Giant 89.5, the college radio station, and its services, as I told the reporter. I was quoted saying that I hoped we had a good turn out and that we had food. True, the event was catered because we are classy, however, I also told the reporter that our new WEB page was posted at the reception and that we also had an instructional video tape, showing the station's equipment and teaching how to become a deejay, available to those in attendance as well. In addition,

after the reporter collected the provided literature about the station's many services, like: programming, sales, news, and production, I thought he might have gotten and reiterated in the article the entire purpose of the reception, which was not to promote the upgrade. Furthermore, I am not only a graduating senior, but also a representative of the radio station, who would have liked to see this event covered more accurately.

Sincerely,

Sandra Falicki

Editorial cartoon in bad taste, some say

Dear editors,

We are writing in regard to the Editorial Cartoon in last week's issue of the *Flashlight*. Not only is it offensive but it is a perfect example of the very narrow-mindedness that causes professors to require us to attend the Global Issues forums.

Had the cartoonist studied his history, he would have realized that Hitler intended his subjects to close their minds rather than open them. Therefore, the "Nazi" reference

seems to be used for crude shock value and has no logical purpose in the drawing. Portraying the professors as slave drivers is one thing, but embodying them as bigoted anti-Semitic murderers is totally uncalled for.

Professors are in no way out of line in requiring us to attend campus forums that will supplement our education. If you don't want to attend the forums, it's your choice. It is your education, it is your grade. Don't blame the professors for

doing their job: making sure that we leave this university with the best education possible.

A multi-cultural forum is in no way, shape, or form within the same realm as a concentration camp. An hour long presentation may not be the most thrilling thing in the world, but it is a far cry from gas chambers and firing squads.

Respectfully,

Karen Holgate,
 Melissa Enama,
 Jeffery A. Burr

Open-mindedness editorial raises some good questions

To the editor:

Your recent editorial, "Open-mindedness: Can it be enforced..." may easily be the most important question put to *Flashlight* readers this entire year. Therefore, it deserves probing examination. The question is, how is attendance at such lectures treated by the professor or instructor. If it is charged with ominous tones of "attend or else" then it is most certainly dilatory to genuine learning. However, if it is included in the course outline, in the syllabus as equivalent to a reading assignment or other homework, then it does not by necessity encumber the student emotionally. To protest such an

assignment would be equivalent to protesting the contents of student reading assignments.

The test of the professor or instructor is her or his openness to student criticism or questioning of the content or things said, read, attended or otherwise assigned. The great danger is the treating of the professor's or instructor's words as indisputable, which can be accomplished by the

subtle means of providing no time for questioning or rebuttal. Innocuous and inaccurate as some student responses are, they, along with the accurate responses, are what the business of education is all about. As long as students have the choice to question, criticize and rebut, then education is still in good health.

Respectfully,
 Charles James

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Commentary

Whitewater continues to dog Clinton's second term

by Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House aides have always argued confidently that President Clinton won't be slowed by scandal. But as Whitewater and inquiries into Democratic fund-raising gather steam, confidence is giving way to concern.

It is increasingly possible that Clinton's second-term agenda will be flattened by legal woes. Aides already see some policy paralysis, and the risks are increasingly personal: Nobody wants to be the next staffer saddled with subpoenas and legal bills.

In a remarkable two days of rapid-fire developments, Clinton and his confidants watched as:

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr thanked James McDougal for providing investigators a "fuller, broader, deeper understanding of the evidence," presumably against Clinton and his wife, Hillary. The friend-turned-tormentor received a reduced sentence and said of his former business partner, the presi-

dent: "I just got sick and tired of lying for the fellow."

Chief of staff Erskine Bowles testified for a Little Rock, Arkansas, grand jury investigating why he and other Clinton pals found work for Webster Hubbell. White House counselor Mack McLarty, who also helped the disgraced former Justice Department official, will testify this week. Starr wants to know if the lucrative employment kept Hubbell quiet about the Clintons' finances.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich compared Attorney General Janet Reno to her Watergate-era counterpart John Mitchell and he and other Republicans threatened to haul her before Congress. Their beef: Reno once again rejected demands for an independent counsel to investigate reports that Clinton's re-election campaign broke the law.

On the day of Reno's announcement, the administration and the Democratic Party released thousands of long-sought documents that only underscored the notion that big-money donors were awarded White House favors.

This drip, drip, drip of scandal is torture to Clinton's staff. Many aides, in-

cluding three senior White House officials, are talking privately about leaving before year's end, in part because of the turmoil.

"None of the senior staff have decorated their offices," one high-ranking White House aide said, only half-joking.

The controversy is beginning to touch a range of decisions on personnel appointments and foreign policy, because Clinton and his staff fear taking any action that benefits Democratic donors.

Morale is not desperately low, aides say, but the atmosphere is tense and unsettled at times.

Yet the president does not act like a man dogged by scandal. His public schedule is heavy and he has not dodged reporters; if anything his banter with the media has been more lighthearted and relaxed of late.

He is not even avoiding fund raising. On a Tuesday visit to New York, Clinton addressed a Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee luncheon.

Clinton has reason for confidence: Though scandals are clouding the public's perception of him, they are not hurting his standing in opinion polls.

Andrew Kohut of Pew Research Center for the People and the Press says that when people are asked open-ended questions about what they think of Clinton, at least 72 percent mention the word "scandal." At the same time, his approval rating is about 56 percent and shows no signs of weakening.

"Their senses are a little dulled by scandals in general and Whitewater in particular," Kohut said. "And as far as fund raising, they feel it's not just a Democratic evil, it's Republicans too."

But there's a limit to Clinton's solace after this week's frenzy of activity. Depending on what happens in Arkansas and on Capitol Hill, public opinion could start to shift. Two worst-case scenarios:

McDougal's evidence could fuel a more aggressive criminal investigation that leads to indictments.

Reno's refusals could embolden Republican lawmakers who want to make a public spectacle of Clinton's campaign cash cravings.

Double jeopardy, Whitewater and fund raising. Clinton's twin troubles appear to have no end.

Chemical weapons ban pact tangled in larger dispute

by Walter Mears
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Since nobody is in favor of poison gas and the United States is destroying its own stockpile, the treaty for an international ban on chemical weapons sounds like a logical next step. But opponents say that it would be a stumble, worsening the risks of toxic weapons in the hands of rogue nations or terrorists.

So Senate ratification of the treaty before April 29, when it goes into effect with or without U.S. approval, is in doubt.

Republicans started the treaty process when they controlled the White House. Indeed, President Reagan signed the law under which the United States is unilaterally eliminating about 31,000 tons of chemical weapons, a process well under way and due to be completed by 2004.

Now, conservative Republicans are aligned against the treaty that President Bush signed near the end of his presidency and that President Clinton is trying to push to ratification in the GOP Senate. "We've got to have 67 votes," Clinton said. "We're going to try to do it."

The treaty has become part of a dispute over broader questions of foreign policy and weaponry. For example, it is linked by some Republicans to their demand for an anti-missile defense system akin to the one Reagan began.

Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and the most formidable opponent of a treaty he called dangerously defective, wants a ratification resolution that would set 30 conditions for U.S. approval. The administration has agreed to 22, but says the other eight would effectively undo American approval of the treaty.

For one thing, Helms wants the treaty itself amended, which would require renegotiation of a pact signed by 161 nations since early 1993, and ratified by 70. That number is more than enough to

put it into effect on April 29 under United Nations auspices.

The treaty bans the possession, production, or transfer of chemical weapons and requires that those already on hand be destroyed by 2007. It includes inspection and verification terms sponsors call the strongest ever set in an arms-control agreement.

Helms and his allies say the verification system won't work and that it is so intrusive as to impose unconstitutional, and expensive, reporting and inspection rules for the U.S. chemical industry.

The chemical industry supports ratification, wary of trade restrictions that would be imposed against nations that don't sign on. The administration has estimated the potential cost at \$600 million in exports; Helms says that is vastly overstated.

Under Helms' conditions, U.S. ratification wouldn't be effective until Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria, Iran and China all have ratified the pact. With that as a prerequisite, Senate ratification would be meaningless. The first four haven't taken the initial step of signing the treaty, and aren't likely to.

Helms has accused the administration of stonewalling by not accepting his terms. "As long as the administration stonewalls, I can stonewall, too," he told Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who urged ratification at a Senate hearing that heard first from a lineup of opponents.

"This treaty is about other people's weapons, not our own," she said.

Opponents said it is about much more, four former secretaries of defense agreeing with Helms that it's bad deal. Two other former secretaries, and the current one, William S. Cohen, the Republican in Clinton's Cabinet, all have urged ratification. So has the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and four of his predecessors.

In that clash of expert witnesses, opponents say the treaty would undermine U.S. efforts to develop chemical weapons defenses, and raised the prospect of

international inspectors wandering the nation for warrantless searches of American chemical plants. Not so, the advocates contend.

The list of contradictory arguments goes on, to the point that it sounds at times as though the rival sides are appraising different treaties.

They do agree on one thing.

"Everybody I know detests chemical weapons," former Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said in urging rejection of the treaty. "So people who oppose this treaty are not people who favor poison gas."

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Kranky Komments

A former editor's glance back at her alma mater . . .

By Jeanne L. Spengler
editor emeritus

I don't really want to write a guest column this week. I came to Mansfield University on Thursday to party and see some people that I haven't seen since I graduated in December 1995 and have fun and get out of my interesting but sometimes monotonous job (for the weekend) of writing public relations for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the Capitol Building in Harrisburg. But old habits die hard so here it is.

Walking into the Flashlight office Thursday night was an amazing experience because the operations of the office haven't changed at all. It was like going back in time. The staff has changed, but the people are the same kind of people that I worked with during my college career—dedicated students who are willing to spend several nights at the office creating a newspaper for the campus after they spend their week hunting down stories, getting interviews, typing and taking pictures, not to mention being full-time college stu-

dents. When you think about it, this is a pretty amazing feat, considering that the advisor is a former student, not a professor, and the staff has no professional direction. Matt Peterson is a good advisor and he works hard along with the rest of the staff, but there are no professors or professional journalists in the office. In addition, the Flashlight is always short on staff members, therefore there are a few good, tired people doing all the work. And, of course, they are being criticized by students who don't have the first clue about this organization.

When I was a student, I was lucky enough to write under the superb supervision of Mr. Peter Gade, an incredibly talented journalist and professor who spent a lot of time helping us understand and appreciate journalism, nurturing us as writers and facilitating our search for truth. We worked long and hard and he was always there to help make the best paper possible. In fact, that was his pep talk each week. He would walk to the door of the office, turn around, and say, "Make a good paper, people." Unfortunately for us, Mr. Gade went on to pursue his goal of earning his

doctorate in journalism and is currently at the University of Missouri writing articles, winning awards for his work, and receiving the recognition and credit he deserves.

But, back to the current Flashlight staff. I only have this to say: As a Mansfield University alumni and a former Flashlight writer and editor, I am really proud of all these people who spend their time reporting on the events and happenings at this college for all of you to read. No one is making them do this—they are on the staff because they want to be. They have dedicated their time, energy, blood, sweat and tears to produce this paper and they should be commended and supported for that, not chastised and put down because the office is a mess or because there are some mistakes in the columns. These people are going to be the ones who graduate with the skills necessary to run the media in this country, not the people who spend their time and energy bitching at them. And you know what the other amazing part of this staff is? They work this hard to publish criticism and negative publicity about themselves. Why?

Because, even if they lose sight of the big picture at 6 a.m. on layout night, they are working to make sure we all have the freedom of speech and expression in this community and this country, even if they hate what they have to publish. The true purpose of the newspaper is to report the news objectively, provide a forum for all people to express their opinions and protect the right to have that forum. They are defending the rights of all of you.

Anyone who has a complaint about Mansfield University's student newspaper should become a member for a month and see if you have the skills, the time, the commitment and the guts to stick with it. Maybe then you will have earned the right to criticize them.

To the Flashlight staff I say this: Rise above the criticism. Listen to it, use it constructively, and know to recognize when it is written in ignorance. You are all doing a great job and I am proud to have been part of this publication. In the immortal words of my mentor, Mr. Peter Gade, "Make a good paper, people."

Notes From the Other Side—On the outside looking in

by Mitchell L. Hillman, Jr.
a few credits shy of alumni

It's been two years since I dropped out of Mansfield University. After spending the first half of the 1990s in this town beyond time I have travelled far and wide and have found myself working in a great job with good money between the hours of nine and five. I never thought I would see that angle of daylight in a million years. I certainly never saw it while I was here (okay I saw it a couple of times when I had the rare nine o'clock class). However, I must say that it is refreshing to be back in the town that I hated at first and then learned to love—a town that I consider home.

I came to this town at 17 and left at 22, in that time I developed into myself—from my college years, I regret nothing. I remember coming to college and being disappointed that it was just like high school, then I remember managing retail and thinking it was just like college—now I'm in the "real world" and I realize it's not much different from

any of it. As they say, "the more things change..." Everything stays the same, but the faces change, new voices are heard and it all becomes a progression from where you began. The one thing to keep in mind is this: Maintain growth and change at all costs, if you aren't open minded about these things, stop reading now.

In truth, a lot of people I know (including myself) are beginning to suffer the first symptoms of a "mid-twenties" crisis, which I believe is defined by Doug Coupland as something of a problem of accepting life outside of academia. It's taken two years of self-education to realize that I live my life by the academic year, I still feel like I should have this summer off to work some lame cake job in a mall or at a recreational area, but I know that's not going to happen. I think I'm maintaining well under the circumstances but I may go mad before this office job thing is over and I go to grad school. Some say I'm already mad, 4 out of 5 people I've seen today have agreed anyway.

The thing is, and you can put

this under the title of lessons from the ancient few, that above all else you must enjoy the time (4,5,6 years...onward and upward, whatever it takes) that you spend here. Despite this town, and this is largely a message to newbies, you will enjoy your time here—trust me. I had a nervous breakdown after my first semester, and I came back (even though I transferred to University of Maryland) and I've never regretted coming back here for my second year, third year, fourth year, etc. If you are unhappy here, then you are missing the most important part of college. The most important thing is really to do what you want, how you feel, when you feel it. The most immediate issue is the fact that in this point in your life the main reason to live is to follow your passion so long as it lasts. The biggest thing is to enjoy what your doing and to be passionate about what you are doing—in essence, love what you do.

And in the end, the attitude you take is the attitude you make. It's really a matter of having a positive attitude, how you carry yourself and if, above all else, you like yourself. I truly believe

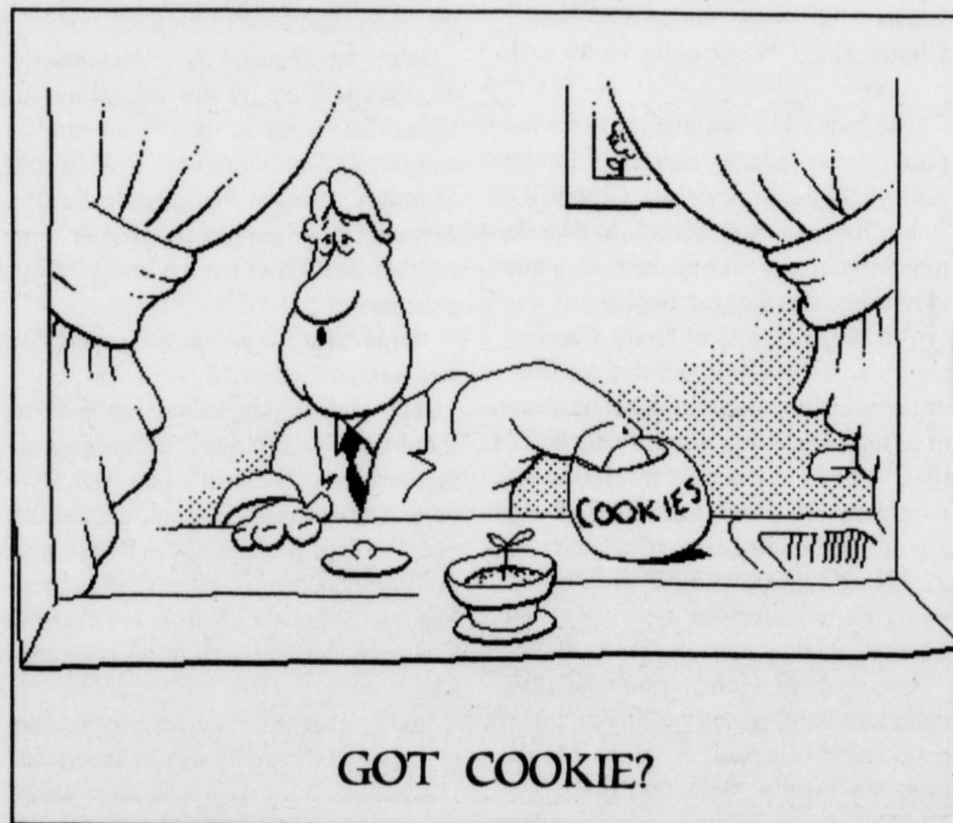
the most important thing in life is to be happy with yourself and comfortable with who you are. This is really what college is about, finding out who you are, for you—and no one else. Not for your parents or for your professors, but for you. Once you know who you are and act on your impulses, then you are connected with life as it is supposed to be.

I have been inspired by what I have seen at the Flashlight tonight. For no pay, virtually no recognition and certainly no thanks this staff strives against all that seems to be in hopes of what truly is. The only thing I am disappointed by is that Livestock is no more. Livestock is pretty much the reason I came to Mansfield (aside from a few other stranger reasons) and I have been to every one of them. At one time, Livestock was not only a celebration in culture, but truly a wonderful time to be had. I'm sorry for any who missed it, but then again I regret nothing from college.

... And I never thought I'd see the day. Why, I had the power to go home all the time. I could have dropped out of college at anytime.

Top ten reasons why we stay up all night to put the paper together

10. We have a digital camera.
9. Hangman.
8. We get paid in flex.
7. Wiffleball.
6. "Shaft" references.
5. Because we are East Coast.
4. All facists pigs must die.
3. Krusty the Klown comes out at 3:30
2. Ho ho ho, Green Giant.
1. Because we're nerds.



Kreative Korner

A Bad week is not really so Bad after all

by Josh Cusatis
editor in the sky...

It has been a long and strange week. I would like to forget the Tuesday night I spent in bed, not able to move for three hours. It was as though I had two weeks of influenza compacted into one night. I never want to have to go through that again.

At the beginning of the week, due to an extremely skewed course of events, I ended up talking to my best friend from high school who lives quite a distance away now. I figured that I would bring him up to speed about what has happened in my life being that I haven't talked to him since the beginning of the year.

Oddly enough, even though this has been one of the most dramatic semesters of my life the only thing that seemed

to effect him was my procurement of a 1969 Fender Mustang.

I guess my life isn't as interesting as I thought. I probably should not be writing columns because they are probably so ambivalent that you all want to lynch me with a can of Lysol, thirteen gallons of gin and you sister's doll collection.

My friend, Mitch, is currently talking about how beautiful the sunsets in Mansfield are and how he can lose himself in them. I believe that I've lost myself in the sunset and it's going to take me a lifetime to determine how to get out though I'm not sure that I want to leave.

I have never written this fast in my entire life. Even on a required paper. I don't know how I'm doing it.

The next events have happened today. Dateline: Thursday, April 17, 1997! Or should that be Buritto's

Log.

I have seen a number of alumni and people of other assorted varieties in the past couple of hours and it's bringing back a lot of memories from three years ago. I'm glad that I can laugh at them now because in five years I'll probably be hoping that nobody ever finds out about them.

I must say that it has inspired me and maybe that's the reason for my proficiency on the keyboard. Thanks people. You've given me the cure for writer's block and for that I am forever grateful.

Anyway, back to the fun that is Distorted Sanity Land. That's not really true. We're not in Distorted Sanity Land. But if we were do you think we would know it?

This week also saw the passing of probably the most profound moment in my life. I have to bow my head and say, "Merci." A dozen roses for you. You have given me what I need. Remember: 5 a.m.,

anytime. In a single word, possibly.

Also, I found out today that I will most likely be living from now on in an apartment that a couple of my good friends lived in my freshman year. When I tell one of those people he will either snap or hit me. I've realized that I now have a history here and I don't remember it ever happening.

I'm going to stop now because in the state of writing mind that I'm in right I could probably give away too much because I've begun to use writing as a method of purging. This was not a completely accurate account of my week but you'll have to live with it. So, goodbye fools. I'll see you when the sun freezes.

The opinions expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the fool that created them. But some of them do. Good night, ladies and gentlemen.



Feature pages, feature pages.

Time to get your feature pages.

Time to get your crayons and your pencils.

Old Friends and Fresh Minds

By Krissy Dennis
features editor

Well, if you have not guessed by now, the Flashlight has got some old timers visiting. How refreshing to have someone around who actually understands the workings of the Flashlight. Maybe I just like having my feathers petted, but I don't think that is the case.

Lately I've had to deal with some pretty unprofessional people. Some don't return phone calls, others make childish comments to the students they are supposed to be mentors for, and some just don't seem to care at all about the education of their students. These comments in no way reflect any of the teachers I have, thank God.

Overall, it's been a pretty bad, trash 'em and bash 'em week. Hey, I'm a big girl I can handle it. I never claimed to be a professional. If I was I would not be in school. I am here to learn, have fun, and

try my best. If it's not good enough, oh well.

Don't get me wrong, I don't use this as an excuse. It's just that there seems to be alot expected out of me and when I expect the same back, I don't get it.

There has got to be something else to do on this campus besides criticizing. There is a point when it gets ridiculous. Of course, sometimes there has to be an outside source to keep things in check, but only to a point.

Here is a novel idea, if you're not happy then help out, only if you really care. Sometimes you gotta drop the attitude and animosity and pitch in to try to make a difference.

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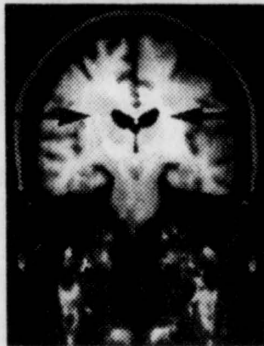
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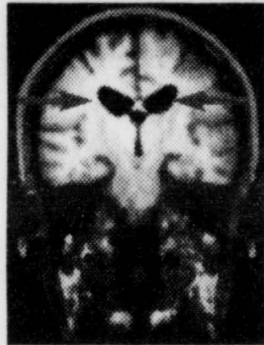
People with cancer aren't expected to heal themselves. People with diabetes can't will themselves out of needing insulin.

And yet you probably think, like millions



What causes depression? According to recent medical research, depression is caused when an insufficient level of the neurotransmitter serotonin is passed through the synapses in the frontal lobe of the brain. A condition, once triggered, that can last for months, years, or even lifetimes.

Above: Brain scan of a "normal" brain.
Below: Brain abnormality found in many severe cases of depression or manic-depression.



of people do, that you or someone you know should be able to overcome another debilitating disease, depression, through sheer will and fortitude.

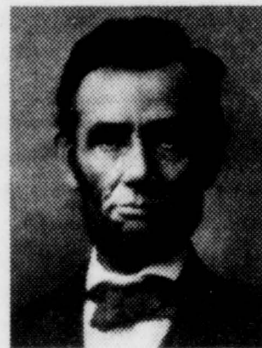
For untold decades, it has been thought that depression is the symptom of a weak character or underlying laziness and complacency. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth.

We've even found that depression has a genetic link. That like other family traits, it can be passed down from generation to generation.

An inherited disease? You probably think that sounds pretty hopeless. But when it comes to depression, it's actually good news. Because it reclassifies depression as a physical disease instead of a mental illness, the difference between it being curable instead of just treatable.

While these recent discoveries should help relieve some of the stigma associated with

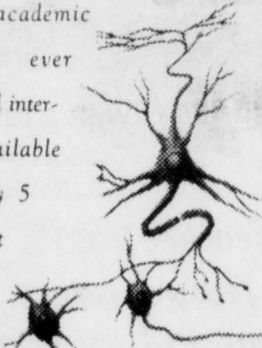
depression, a look at history also helps. It's a well documented fact that Abraham Lincoln was depressed for most of his adolescent and adult life. Sir Winston Churchill referred to his depression as "the black dog," starting after the failure of the 1915 Dardanelles Expedition and shadowing him his entire life.



The date was January 1, 1863. It was the day of one of Abraham Lincoln's most eloquent speeches, the Emancipation Proclamation. He had succeeded in freeing millions of repressed, impoverished slaves. For anyone, the accomplishment of a lifetime. Still, Lincoln battled depression, the cloud that would follow him always.

You see, depression doesn't discriminate. Anyone can get it. And today you can find books written about admitted sufferers Mike Wallace, Joan Rivers, Dick Cavett and Kitty Dukakis just to name a few.

The reality is, there's never been a better time to be depressed. With new therapies, drug company and academic research, and ever increasing medical interest, help is available today that only 5 years ago didn't exist. Please call 1-800-717-3111 if you or someone you know needs help.



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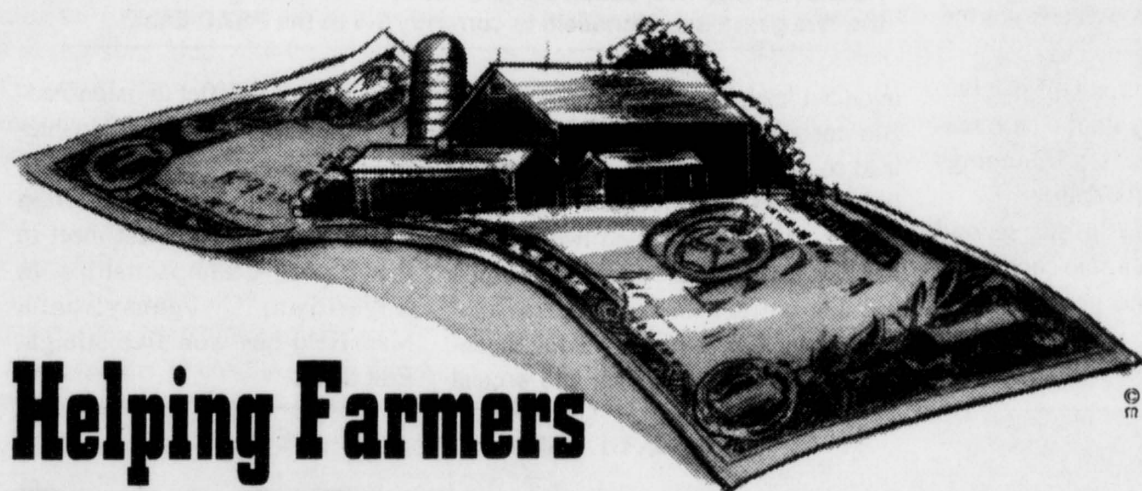
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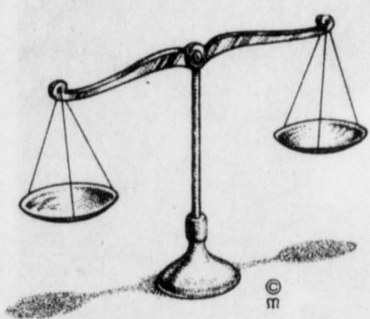
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Mounties sweep Bloomsburg

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

The resurging Mansfield University baseball team jumped into second place in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East with a 13-8, 7-4 sweep over Bloomsburg University on Tuesday.

"We played pretty good today," said head coach Harry Hillson. "We had strong pitching, timely hitting and played very well defensively. This puts us right where we want to be in the PSAC East. We have 11 of our last 13 conference games at home and we haven't lost at our yard this season."

Coach Hillson has to be pleased that his team has jelled at the crunch point of the season, and has those 11 games at home. Over the last five years, the Mounties have won 90% of

the games played at Shaute Field.

Junior shortstop A.J. Hoenstine, the smallest man on the Mansfield roster, came up big for the Mountaineers in the opener. Hoenstine belted out two doubles and a home run with four runs batted in.

Bloomsburg built a 4-0 lead going into the bottom of the second. The Mounties cut that lead when they erupted for five runs, including three on a two out home run by Hoenstine.

Mansfield would add two more in the fourth on a two run home run by PSAC East Player of the Week Mike Marconi. They put the game away with five more in the bottom half of the fifth when Mark Munkittrick doubled to start off the inning and scored on a double by Dean Kroesen.

MU then loaded the bases and scored three more runs. Joe Skelly started off the scoring with a sacrifice fly.

Tim Watkins, coming off just two days rest, got the win, his third of the season. He struck out five in 5 1/3 innings before giving way to Chris Zallie.

Hoenstine would hit his second home run of the day with a solo shot in the first inning of the second game and the Mounties would add two more in the second on a two-run double by Skelly build-

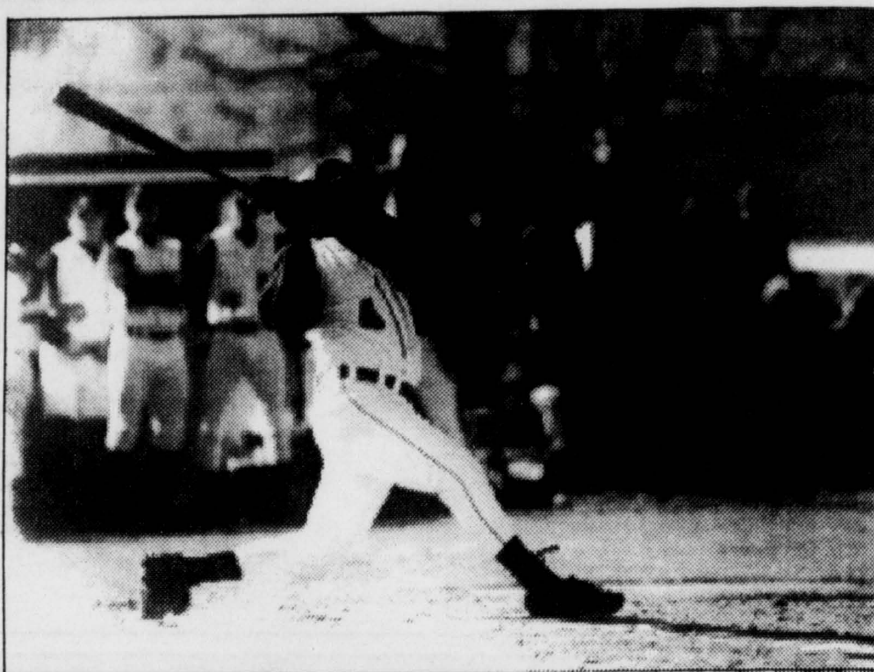


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A.J. Hoenstine, junior shortstop, slashes at a Bloomsburg pitch. Hoenstine had two doubles and a homerun knocking in four runs for the two game set. Mansfield is currently 9-4 in the PSAC East.

ing a 5-1 lead. A three-run home run by Bloomsburg's Trevor Fetterman cut the lead to 5-4 and brought Zallie in to relieve starter Chris McGee.

Mansfield added two more in the bottom of the six and Zallie retired the side in order for his second save of the season. The sweep moves the Mountaineers (9-4) from fourth into second

place in the East after division leading Kutztown (10-4) split a double-header with Shippensburg (10-5).

The top two teams from the PSAC East and West meet in the PSAC Championships in Boyertown, Pennsylvania. Mansfield has won five straight East titles.

Marconi receives PSAC East Honors

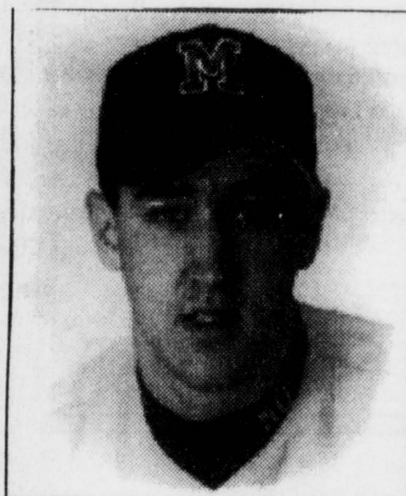


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Mike Marconi

Mike Marconi has been named the PSAC East Division II Player of the Week. The sophomore third basemen helped the Mountaineers to a 5-0 week.

In 13 at bats, Marconi rapped out six hits, including three doubles and a homerun. He has scored six runs and knocked in eight RBI's.

In the last 25 games, Marconi has compiled a .377 batting average. He has hit .452 in PSAC East play. In 69 season at bats, Marconi has hit safely 25 times.

GAME ONE

BLOOMSBURG	2	2	1	0	0	3	0	8	-	10	-	1
MANSFIELD	0	5	0	2	5	1	x	13	-	15	-	1

Mansfield (17-15-1, 8-4): Tim Watkins (W, 3-1), Chris Zallie (6) and Dean Kroesen
2B - A.J. Hoenstine 2, Mark Munkittrick 2, Greg Robertson, Kroesen, Mike Marconi
HR - Hoenstine (4), Marconi (4)
RBI - Hoenstine 4, Harrold 3, Marconi 2, Joe Skelly, Kroesen, Wilcox

GAME TWO

BLOOMSBURG	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	4	-	8	-	0
MANSFIELD	2	2	0	1	0	2	x	7	-	10	-	1

Mansfield (18-15-1, 9-4): Chris McGee (W, 5-1), Chris Zallie (S,2) and Chad Swogger
2B - Robertson, Wilcox HR - Hoenstine (5), Chris Miller (5)
RBI - Skelly 2, Hoenstine, Wilcox, Miller, Swogger, Harrold

Women drop two to ranked Huskies

by: J.P. Fella & Jill Mancini
sports reporters

The Mansfield University softball team fell just short of upsetting the nationally ranked Bloomsburg Huskies. They suffered two hard fought 8-4 losses to the Huskies.

In the first game, the Mountaineers scored three runs in the first inning and then added two more runs in the fourth to take a 5-4 lead.

Bloomsburg rallied for three runs in the bottom of the sixth. The Huskies went on to secure the 7-5 win.

In the second game, with the score tied 4-4 after five innings, Bloomsburg broke the game open with two runs in each of the last two innings to win 8-4.

Missy Tyson led the Mountaineers at the plate going 4-7 in the two games.

"We played very well. We were winning in both games," Tyson said. "We were happy as we hit especially well in the first game, especially considering the fast pitching."

The losing pitchers for the Mounties were Kelly Morris in the first game and Missy Tyson in the second.

The losses dropped their records to



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Kelly Morris, freshman pitcher, hurred the first game for the Mountaineers. With the two losses the Mounties drop to 4-12 in the PSAC. Their next game is at home against Kutztown University.

4-11 for Morris and 1-6 for Tyson. Overall, with the two losses, the Mounties record dropped to 7-21 overall and 4-12 in the PSAC.

The Mounties softball team will be in action again on Saturday, April 19, at 1 PM at home against Kutztown University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

April 19 vs. KUTZTOWN
@ 3:00

April 24 @ WEST CHESTER
@ 3:00

April 26 @ SHIPPENSBURG
@ 1:00

MEN'S BASEBALL

April 18 @ INDIANA
@ 1:00

April 20 vs. EDINBORO
@ 1:00

April 23 vs. WEST CHESTER
@ 1:00

Mounties sweep ESU to even PSAC record

Jason Feather
Sports Reporter

Chris McGee went the distance in winning his third game of the season, while freshman Kris Kann earned his first collegiate victory of his career in the second game of the twinbill as the Mounties swept East Stroudsville 7-2 and 10-5 in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East baseball action.

Mansfield evened up their PSAC record at 4-4 with the sweep, while improving their overall record to 13-15-1.

City, minor league team in rent dispute

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — The Akron Aeros have paid their new hometown \$64,000 in rent for three stadium loges, or luxury boxes, but the city says the minor-league baseball team still owes Akron \$1 million.

The relationship between the city and the Eastern League club has gotten off to a rocky start since the team formerly known as the Canton-Akron Indians moved, after seven years, from Canton's Thurman Munson Memorial Stadium.

Last week's home opener was marred by an argument between Mayor Don Plusquellic and the team's owner over sign rights in the new, taxpayer-funded \$31 million Canal Park Stadium.

Aeros owner Michael Agganis disputes the amount the Class AA team owes the city. The figure includes the team's share

of the cost of the publicly owned stadium. Under the agreement with the city, the team gets the rent on 20 loges and the city gets rental on the remaining five. On Tuesday, Akron Professional Baseball Inc. paid the city \$64,000 for rent on three of the five loges.

Agganis said the fourth loge recently was rented and he will rent the final luxury box himself.

City officials said while Agganis owes the city \$1 million, only \$684,118 is due now.

They say the only money the city has received so far has been the loge payments plus \$20,000 rent for the team's first year in the stadium.

Plusquellic has threatened to sue the team and said he might close the park if the money isn't paid.

McGee gave up just four hits while striking out seven in the first game. Senior left-fielder, Chris Miller, had three runs batted in (RBI) with his three singles. Catcher Dean Kroesen had two hits, drove in a run and scored twice for the Mountaineers.

"Coach thought that I had good location with my curveball and good velocity of my fastball," said McGee of what Head Coach Harry Hillson told him after his pitching performance.

"It was also good that the team got me some run support."

In the second game, Kann went five innings to pick up the win before giving way to Chris Zallie who recorded

his first of save of the season.

Mansfield's offense was led by sophomore Chad Swogger who had two hits, including a double and three RBIs. Junior shortstop, A.J. Hoenstine, also doubled in two runs for the Mounties' cause.

Mansfield will continue their road trip with an important double-header against conference power Shippensburg University on Saturday before coming home to play Millersville and Bloomsburg in double-headers on Sunday and Tuesday, respectively.

Game times for all three dates are 1pm.



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Sophomore Dave Coyle finished second in the 400 meter with a time of 49.61 seconds at the Shippensburg Invitational last Saturday. His 200 meter time was 22.81 seconds.

Three Southern tier players highlight 1997 recruit class

special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University Head Football Coach Joe Viadella thinks he may have the best recruiting class in his three years at the helm of the Mountaineer program. Three players from the Southern Tier of New York are the reason why.

Viadella released a list of 30 student-athletes who have signed letters of intent to play at Mansfield in 1997. Heading that list are Tyson Figueroa, a 6-3, 280, defensive lineman from Vestal High School, Brad Polk, a 6-2, 250, linebacker from Elmira, NY Notre Dame High School and Jim West, 6-7, 300, offensive lineman out of Horseheads, NY High School.

"We had needs that we felt we had to fill with this recruiting class, unlike the last two years when we went after numbers," said Viadella. "I think we did a good job filling those needs. We wanted defensive linemen, defensive backs and wide receivers and we picked up some pretty good players who may be able to help us right away."

Three of those players that could provide immediate help are Figueroa, Polk and West. Figueroa has the size, speed and quickness to compete for one of three starting spots on the defensive line created by graduation. Polk is one of the largest linebackers recruited at Mansfield and is especially impressive with his running ability. Polk has the ability to play at the inside or strong side linebacker spot and is big enough to also play the defensive line. West has the size, and according to the coaching staff the technique, that is rare for an incoming freshman. West, at 6-7, 300 pounds will be looked at to fill spots on the offensive line created by the graduation of All-American Nate Gibson and All-ECAC selection Tim Salvage.

The coaching staff is also excited about signing Brandon Long, a 6-2, 190 defensive back with speed from the Reading High School and wide receivers Darrell Miller, a 6-2, speedster from Northeast High in Philadelphia and Charlie Peterson, a very fast 6-0, wideout from Haverford High School. Dan Wilson, a 6-4, 285 defensive lineman from Brockville, ONT could also vie for a starting spot as a freshman.

Mansfield also signed Kevin Swope, a 6-0, receiver from North Penn high school in Bloomsburg.

The Mountaineers finished 3-8 last year and opened the eleven game 1997 season hosting Southern Connecticut State on Sept. 6.

The Mountaintop

Mountie athletes reaching for the peak of success

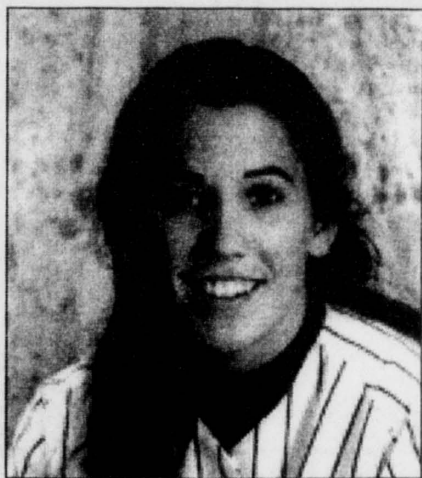


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Missy Tyson

Missy Tyson, a junior from Twin Valley, led the Mountaineer's rally against the nationally ranked Bloomsburg Huskies. She went 3-4 in the first game with a double. She pitched the second game, holding the powerful Huskies to eight runs but taking the loss. In the nightcap she was 1-3 at the plate. Tyson shares time on the mound and in centerfield.

SPRING WEEK

Sat. 4/19 & Sun. 4/20
101 Dalmations
8 pm Allen Hall

Tues. 4/22
3 on 3 Basketball
6:30 pm Decker Gym

Thurs. 4/24
Comedy Show
8 pm The Hut

Sat. 4/26
Laser Tag
Noon 'till 6 pm South Hall

Mon. 4/21
The Astonishing Neal
9 pm Steadman Theater

Wed. 4/23
Leticia
9 pm The Hut

Fri. 4/25
Splash Party
7 pm Decker Pool
Barbeque @ Zanzibar
11 pm The Hut

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First look: The NEW Fitness and Recreation Center

Schintzius and Kelchner join the Flashlight for a tour of the new student facility

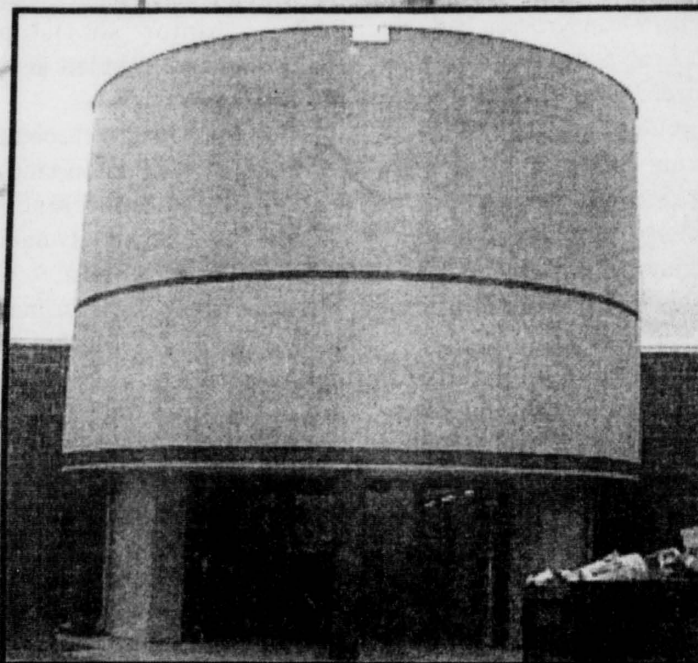
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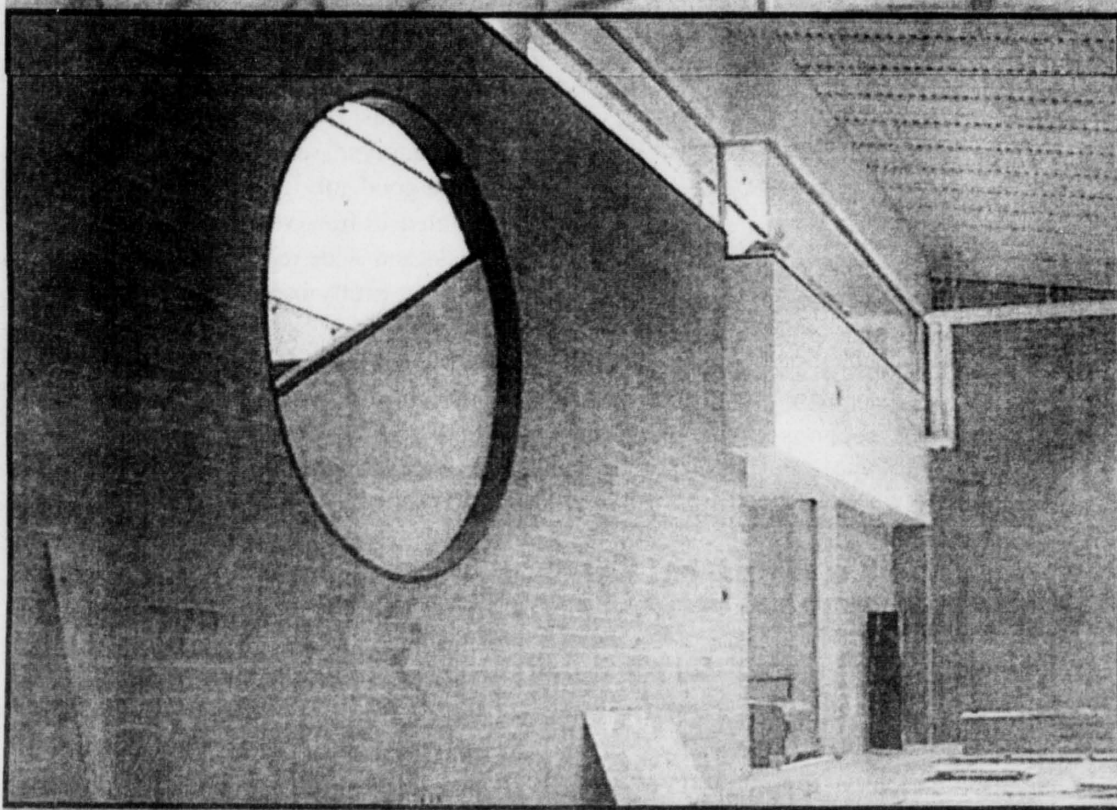
Right: Exterior view of the building's lone Entrance. The entire building contains seven fire exits.

Background: Photograph of upper level ceiling. Filtered light shines down onto the floor. As you walk into the Fitness and Recreation Center, you can see down into the play area through windows that run the length of the corridor.

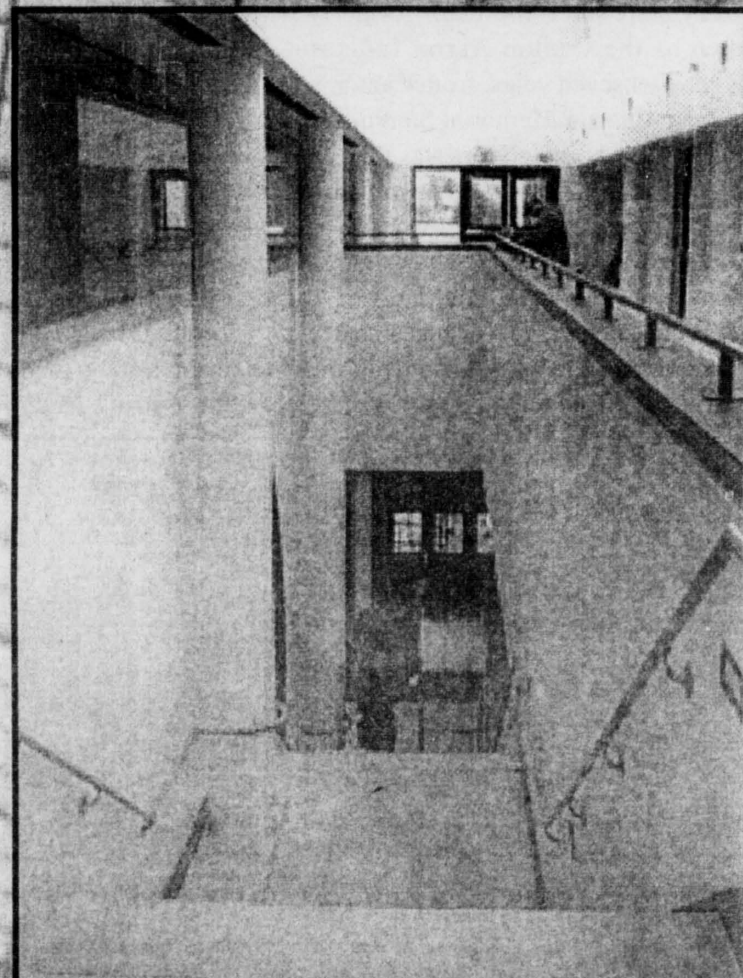
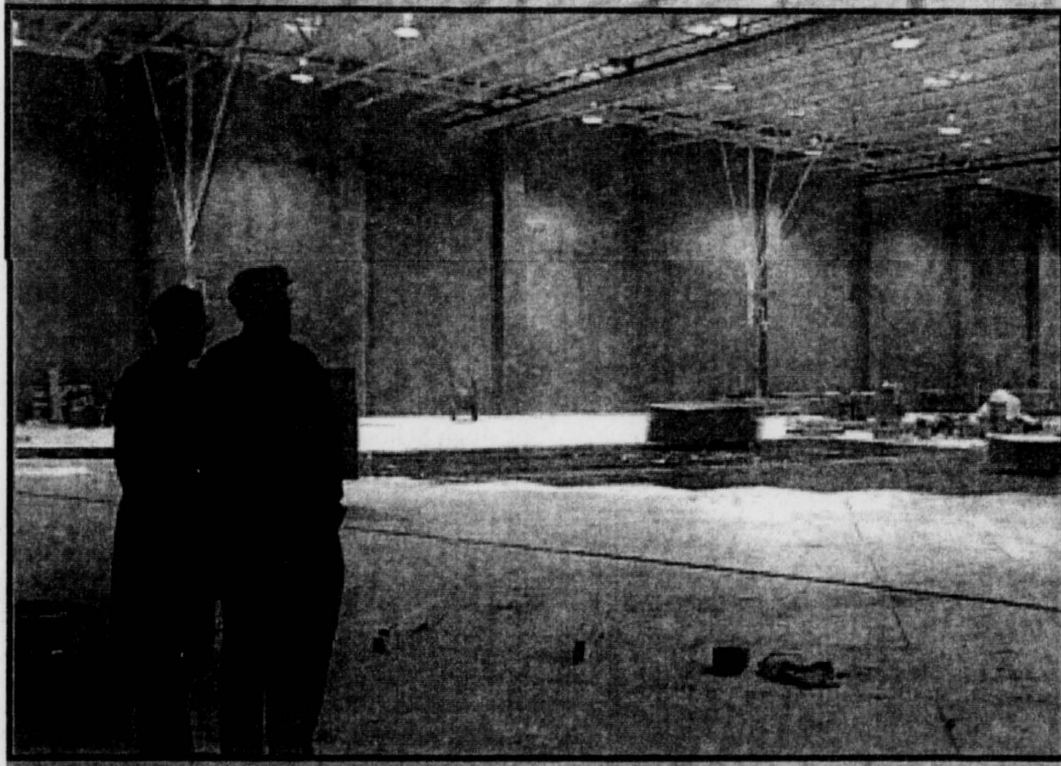
Below: A view from the floor of the play area showing the glass-less window. On the other side, stairs connect the two levels. The play area's floor is furnished with 32 rubber shock absorbers under each sheet of plywood. These shock absorbers, according to Schintzius, will lessen the chance of shinsplints.



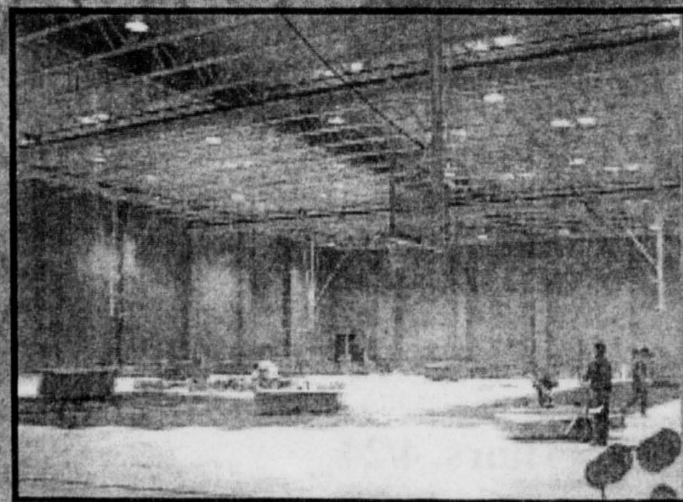
Hugh Schintzius, who oversees construction for the University, describes the new weight room facilities. The plates used for these machines are stainless steel and, according to Schintzius, won't crack like the conventional variety. The 3000 square foot room, the aerobic room and the racquetball courts should be ready within the next week and a half.



Below: Mansfield University President Rod Kelchner, left, and Hugh Schintzius, Director of Recreational Sports, examine the play area. The gold, mesh partitions that divide the three courts are less expensive and less maintenance than traditional partitions. The dividers will separate volleyball, basketball, badminton and indoor soccer courts. Although Schintzius would like to name it 'The Fitness and Recreation Center', Kelchner thinks a student committee should name it because "it's the student's building." A formal dedication will take place in the fall, when the area can be landscaped. Schintzius expects the grand opening will take place in late September/early October.



Above: Stairs lead from the upper level where the men's and women's locker rooms, complete with a sauna in each, and the admissions desk will be. The upper level also houses the weight room and locker rooms. Schintzius said the Fall students will have to run their ID cards through a computer. For this semester, an employee will sit at the desk and personally monitor attendance. Below: A view of the play area from the bottom of the stairs.



Calendar

Saturday April 19, 1997

Indoor/Outdoor track away at Lafayette University
8 pm MAC Movie in Allen Hall featuring "101 Dalmations"
8 pm Concert Choir Concert in Steadman Theatre
8 pm Sigma movie featuring, "Beautiful Girls in Zanzibar, followed by

regular Zanzibar program at 10 pm

Sunday April 20, 1997

1 pm Baseball at home vs. Edinboro
3 pm ASTA Spring Recital in Steadman Theatre
4-8 pm Fine Arts Paramount Brass and Ethos Percussion Ensemble in Steadman Theatre
8 pm MAC movie in Allen Hall

featuring "101 Dalmations"

Monday April 21, 1997

7 pm Student Recognition Banquet in North Dining Hall (invite only)
Tuesday April 22, 1997

Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center

Wednesday April 23, 1997

1 pm Baseball at home vs. West

Chester

Thursday April 24, 1997

1 pm International Discussion Hour in MLK Center
8 pm "Sauce for the Goose" in Straughn Auditorium

Softball away at West Chester

Friday April 25, 1997

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Third annual Maple Fest gets good reviews

by Mike Litzenberger
staff reporter

Last week marked Mansfield University's third annual Maple Fest which included events an all-day music festival, a campus wide picnic and various sports and tournament like events.

The festival started Monday, April 14 with a Ping Pong Tournament, followed the next day by a Men's and Women's Singles Pool Tournament, a Scotch Doubles Tournament on Wednesday, a Hoss Tournament on Thursday, and a Weight Lifting Competition on Friday.

Depending on the tournament, first, second and third place winners brought home cash and prizes.

These events led up to the most

anticipated competition of Maple Fest, The Battle of the Bands which was held Saturday, April 19. The event showcased 10 different area bands who competed for first place and the four hundred dollars that came with it.

In addition to the music festival, this was the biggest day of the festival as in addition to the competition there was a picnic, a horseshoe tournament and a Magic tournament.

Response from both students and the coordinators of the event was positive.

"I felt Saturday was very successful, there was a great turnout. Our biggest accomplishment was the picnic," said Heather Imdorf, a student organizer of the event.

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photo by Brent McCallus

The Nick Ippoliti Trio performs at Maple fest. The trio won second place in the Battle of the Bands.

SGA discusses campus issues, COF allocations

by Joey West
staff reporter

Mansfield University's Student Government Association held their weekly meeting Monday, but due to lack of attendance, the new SGA 'executive board' could not be voted on.

Also, SGA president Mark Smith and SGA vice president Kim Cochran said their farewells as they relinquished their positions.

"It's been a pleasure," said Mark Smith of his year as president.

"It's been lovely being vice president," said Kim Cochran, former vice president of SGA.

Smith said that while he is stepping down he is not done participating in SGA. Even though he will be student teaching next year, he will become a SGA senator for the 97/98 academic year.

In other news, Cochran and Joe Maresco, SGA advisor, will have to revise certain amendments to the school bylaws, according to Cochran. She did not give specific details of what changes would be made.

In news referring to the new "fitness and recreational center,"

Maresco said that the student staff is currently being trained. Additionally, Maresco said that the building workers are trying very hard to get the building done before school is out and that students may be able to see the "spectacular building" before the spring term is over.

Another topic dealt with was the Organization Fair to be held next August 25. Maresco said that the fair will be held in the South Hall mall and went on to say that the "fitness and recreational center" will be used as back up in case of poor weather.

It is going on "rain or shine," Maresco added.

The final topic of the night dealt with MU President Rod Kelchner's meeting with several students last week to discuss Committee on Finance allocations, according to Maresco. He added that the allocations are not likely to be disapproved by Kelchner.

Some additional topics discussed in the meeting was how COF can allocate the athletic department money, even though they are not a organization or club.

Technically, according to the school constitution, the school is breaking their own laws by allowing the allocations to go through.

Athletics	\$193,200	Karate Club	No Request
American Choral Directors Association	\$1,100	Latin American Student Organization	\$250
Advocacy Association	\$500	Lifeguards	\$3,000
Anthropology	\$1,200	Mansfield Activities Council	\$74,000
Art Acquisition/Exhibition	\$600	Math Club	\$50
Art History Club	\$1,000	MENC	\$418
Art Students' Guild	\$200	Music Ensemble	\$6,000
Assoc School/Curr Devel	\$115	Music Merchandising Club	\$250
Aquaculture Club	\$1,000	N.A. Alliance of Saxophonists	\$335
Bacchus	\$1,300	Int. Association of Jazz Education	\$3,802
Badminton Club	\$750	Philosophy Club	\$750
Black Student Union	\$8,500	Physics Club	\$500
Boxing Club	\$700	Pre-Law Association	\$75
CEC	\$1,500	Psychology Club	\$350
Cheerleaders	\$2,232	Public Relations Society	\$1,250
Computer Science Club	\$550	Sayre Students	\$13,000
CJA Club	\$900	SGA	\$3,500
Creative Arts Therapy So	No Request	Ski Club	\$4,500
Debate	\$2,500	Student Dietetic Association	\$1,010
Economics Club	\$348	Student PSEA	\$1,100
El Club De Espanol	\$225	Student Activities Office	\$20,000
Flashlight	\$13,400	TV Club	\$130
Geography Club	\$1,575	Travel Club	\$50
Geology Club	\$1,200	Training Room	\$12,900
Golf Club	\$250	WNTE-FM	\$7,350
Saddle Club	\$2,200	Emergency Accounts	\$14,785
International Student Organization	\$2,200	Loan (WNTE)	\$3,000
Intramurals	\$41,000	Marching Band Uniforms	\$7,400
		Total	\$460,000



photo by Brent McCallus

Tau Kappa Epsilon brothers Joe Giantini (left) and Bill Koepke (right) uphold TKE's status as members of the "Adopt a Highway" program.

CAMPUS VOICES

by Akeelah Brooks

"Should North Hall be open 24 hours during finals week?"



Julie Roe
senior

"Yes, because you know, Sara only comes out at night and I gotta see her before I graduate."

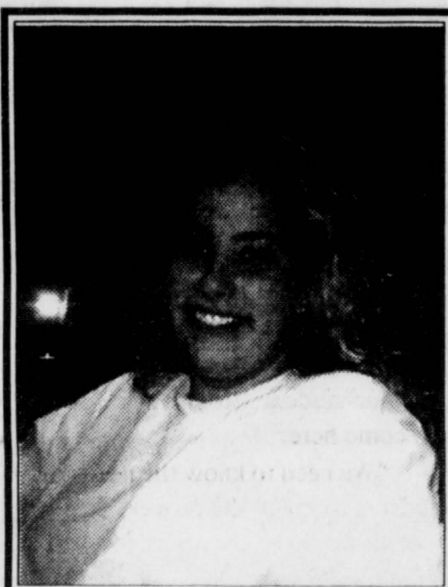


Katie Gallagher
freshman

"Sure. I'm up to my eyeballs in work."



Steph Kenny
sophomore
"Hell, yes."



Adriana Blash
sophomore
"Yes, because we don't have adequate study time."

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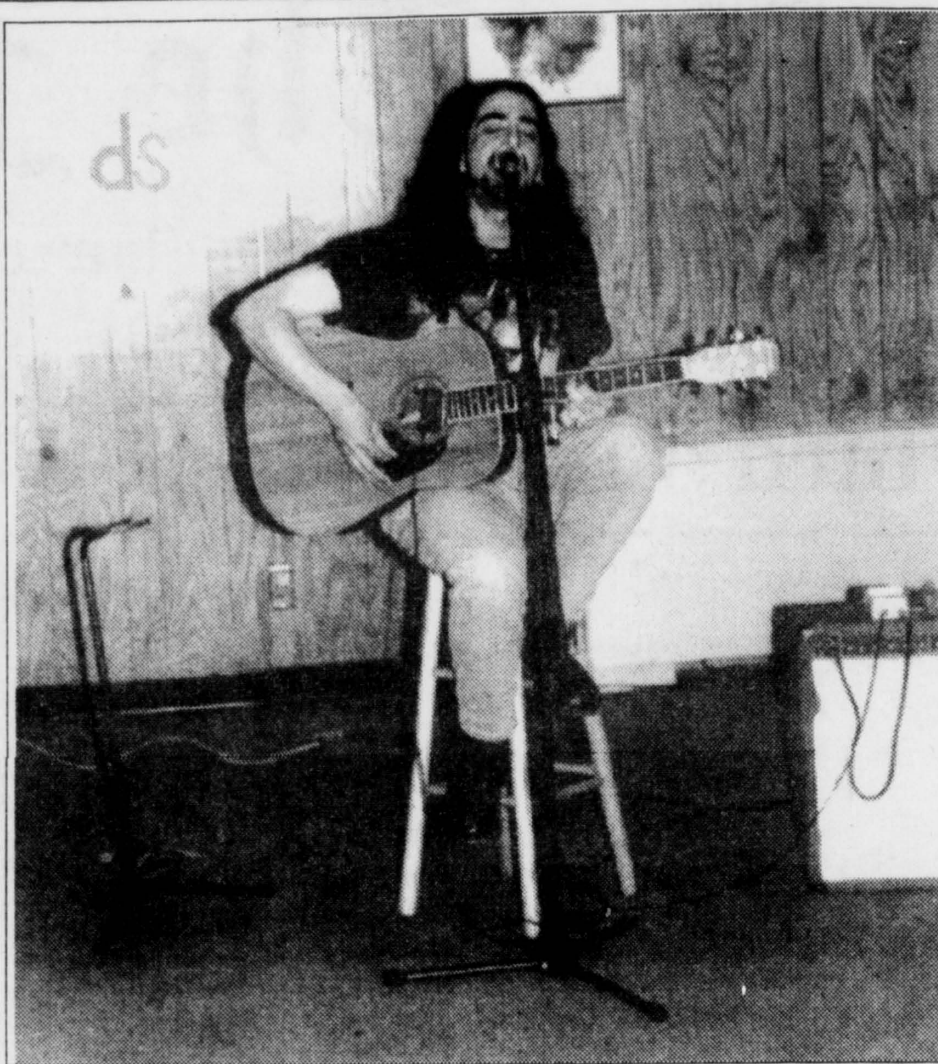


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Perry Costello, known as Potato Jesus, performs at Maple Fest.

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The picnic, which was open to everyone, fed an estimated 600 people over the course of the day. However, due to the rainy weather, the festival and the competition, which were originally slated to be outside were moved inside of the Maple lobby.

Many of the onlookers and band members were a little concerned about being moved inside.

"I wish it would have been outside, but I still had a lot of fun and enjoyed the atmosphere," said Mike Yasenchak, guitarist for the winning band, Ska'tt Bao.

Onlooker Melissa Wasclus agreed that the event was still enjoyable despite the weather.

"All the bands were really good; outside would have been nice, but if it's going to be inside it should have been in a bigger place," Wasclus said.

Mike Rosato, another member of Ska'tt Bao, described the event as "a

thrilling smorgasbord of entertainment."

The planning for the week long celebration, which was put together by the students of Maple, started last fall, according to Larry Watts, the Assistant Director of Residence Life for Maple and Maple Fest coordinator.

"We asked the students last fall about what they wanted to do and for the most part we did exactly what they asked," Watts said.

And that's what Maple Fest is all about, Watts said, a festival put on for the students by the students.

"All Residence Hall Council, the Student Government Association and the Mansfield Activities Council put up the financial support and the students did the rest," Watts said.

According to Watts, all students involved with Maple Fest deserve a lot of credit, especially Heather Imdorf, Tara Edmonds, Chris Hall, Jason Logan, Amy Spaulding, Doug Kase, Steve Calabro and Don Cron.



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The Astonishing Neal performed feats of hypnosis last Monday in Steadman auditorium.

The Astonishing Neal performs at over a hundred colleges a year. According to Neal he never sets out to embarrass his subjects.

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Psychology club shows "Blue Velvet" at Allen Hall

by Thomas A. Jones
wire editor

On Tuesday, April 22 at 7 pm the Psychology Club showed the David Lynch film "Blue Velvet" in Allen Hall auditorium to a small crowd. Following the movie a discussion began among the audience about the symbolism in the movie and the use of atmosphere.

"The whole movie is about power and control," said Advocacy Program Coordinator Michael Habovick regarding the film.

The film opens on a small suburban town and revolves around a character, played by actor Kyle McLaughlin, who, while visiting his sick father in a hospital, discovers a dismembered human ear.

He brings the ear to the local police and is thanked for his assistance, but told to forget about the incident. He then gets involved with a police detective's daughter and investigates the case on his own.

While searching for information about the origin of the ear, he meets

a local singer named Dorothy Valens, played by Isabella Roselini, who leads him into a seedy dangerous world.

The conflict of the film and the relationship of the characters were subjects of the discussion which took place after the film.

"He, [Kyle McLaughlin's character] was intrigued by her, and when he went back, he was in control," Habovick said.

She went on to explain that she felt the police detective's daughter and Kyle McLaughlin's character were portrayed as innocent people in the beginning of the film who became darker and more involved as the movie developed. The body of the movie was much darker, and much more involved than the beginning or end.

Rob Thomas, an education major, said of Kyle McLaughlin's character's decision to visit Dorothy Valens a second time later in the film, that it must of reminded the character of something from his childhood and that was why he returned.

Habovick concluded the evening by saying that "It was definitely twisted."

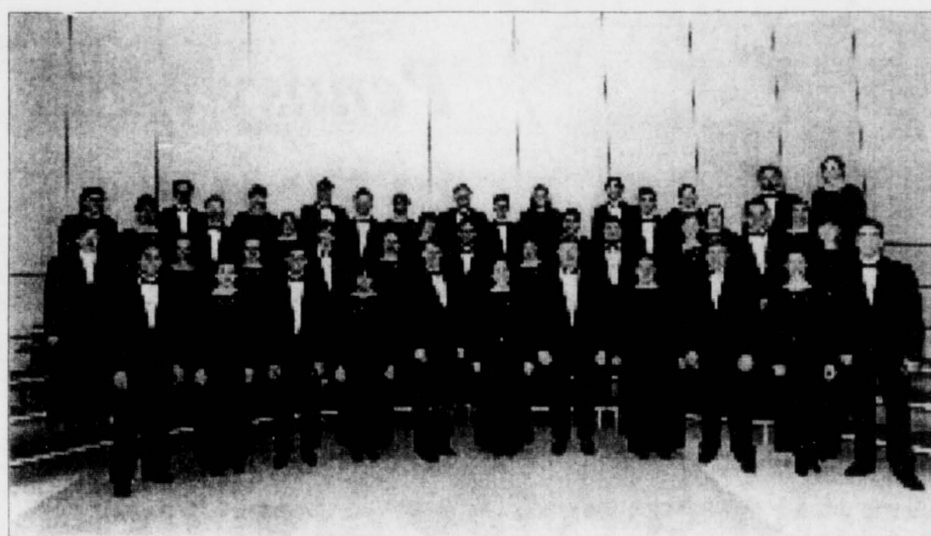


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The Mansfield University Chamber Singers will present a program of songs about love and life on Saturday, April 26, at 1:00 pm in Steadman Theatre. The program will feature works by Franz Schubert, Felix Mendelssohn, and Johannes Brahms, whose birth or death anniversaries are being celebrated this year. Well-known vocal jazz selections by Jerome Kern, Harold Arlen, and Ward Swingle will also be presented. The concert is free and open to the public.

Correction

Last week the Flashlight incorrectly printed that the vote in student government of whether or not to support the C.O.F budget was seven yeas, and six nays, with eight abstentions. The correct numbers for the vote were: twelve yeas, six nays, and four abstentions. We apologize for any confusion the incorrect data may have caused.

International discussion hour focuses on helping international students

by Akeelah Brooks
staff reporter

This week's International Discussion Hour was visited by Brian Barden, interim director of admissions. Barden, who facilitated the discussion along with Annie Cooper, director of multi cultural affairs, talked about how to make university entry easier for international students.

"The university is working towards greater diversity," Barden said, adding that he estimated that the percent-

age of international students is only six or seven percent.

During the discussion, Barden asked the group three main questions that were geared towards understanding their adjustment to a new school and country.

"Why did you choose Mansfield?" Barden asked the group of predominantly international students.

Many said they chose MU because it was small and rural.

Barden continued by asking them, "What was the next step after you decided to attend Mansfield?"

The answers ranged from ask-

ing for an application, coming to visit the campus, and contacting advisors.

Barden stated that to help the campus population become more universal, steps would have to be taken to make it easier for students from other countries to come here.

"We need to know the needs of the students to make the process easier for international students," he said. "What could Mansfield do as a university to make the first semester easier?" A student from Liberia felt that it would help if roommates were based on similar majors. Another student from Leba-

non stated that international students should be roomed together, then gradually integrated so that they have a strong foundation.

Still one student felt that it would help if the application process could be done faster. International students have to make important decisions and plans ahead of time, according to the student.

When asked if they are satisfied with their decision to attend Mansfield University. They all said it was a good decision.



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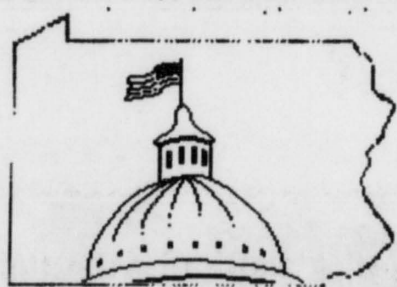
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Pennsylvania in the news

Restaurant accused of racist serving practices

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An 11-year-old black girl was barred from a birthday party at a restaurant because her parents weren't present, even though nine unaccompanied white children were allowed inside, officials said.

A spokesman for the Dave & Buster's restaurant chain said Tuesday the girl was turned away because of a corporate policy requiring that children under age 16 be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

But the black restaurant employee who singled out the black girl didn't ask any of the white children if their parents were present, the company said. Four white adults chaperoned the party for 10 girls.

"I don't think it was a matter of black or white. It was a matter of 'This does not look like your parent or legal guardian,'" said Dennis Paine, spokesman for the Dallas-based company. "I think the same thing would have happened if the child had been Oriental or Indian."

Paine said the company was "embarrassed" and regretted the situation.

The problem arose Saturday at the 11th birthday party for Rosemary Brody's daughter, Elisa Kennedy. The restaurant and bar caters primarily to adults but also has video games, pool tables and other attractions.

Seven white girls were allowed into the restaurant even though they weren't with their parents. But Mrs. Brody said she was stopped while walking with three others — her own daughter, another white girl and the black girl, whose name

was not made public.

"They noticed because I was white and she was black," Mrs. Brody said.

When she said they weren't all her children, the black doorman said none could go in, Mrs. Brody said. A manager reaffirmed the decision.

"It was totally humiliating. The little girl felt terrible. She felt it was her fault," Mrs. Brody said.

Mrs. Brody then found a black couple who agreed to pretend the black girl was their daughter and accompany her into the restaurant.

Without the black girl, Mrs. Brody said she, her daughter and the other friend got in, where they reunited with the black girl.

The manager spotted the group later and told Mrs. Brody said she had to leave with the three girls she brought.

Instead, the entire group chose to leave.

Mrs. Brody said she knew the children were supposed to be accompanied by their parents but had been told in advance over the telephone that the policy wasn't strictly enforced.

"The lady said, 'We're very lenient with our policy,'" Mrs. Brody said. "They didn't tell me all the girls had to be white."

Dave & Buster's restrictive policy is necessary because the restaurant serves alcohol, Paine said.

Paine said he spoke with the birthday girl's father Tuesday morning to apologize and offer to have another party.

US provided counter-terrorism training to Peruvian police

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has provided counter-terrorism training to Peru's police but no such instruction to the country's military, including the units that ended the hostage crisis, the State Department said Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, a retired FBI agent familiar with the training program said elite Peruvian police received instruction

at the start of the 126-day standoff at the Japanese ambassador's residence that ended Tuesday.

Robert K. Taubert, who has a consulting business in Fredericksburg, Virginia, said two teams of Peruvian police went through the five-week training course in December and January. The hostage-taking occurred on Dec. 17.

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Parochial schools not affected by labor laws

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Union officials said a ruling by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court leaves thousands of teachers at Catholic and other religious schools in the state without labor law protections.

In a case brought by the Association of Catholic Teachers Local 1776 in Philadelphia, the high court ruled Tuesday that parochial teachers aren't covered under the state's Public Employee Relations Act.

"I think it's totally unfair to ask Catholic teachers to leave their civil rights at the school door," said Rita C. Schwartz, President of Local 1776. "And that's basically what the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has said."

The case was brought against the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board and the Norwood-Fontbonne Academy, a Catholic elementary and secondary school run by the Sisters of Saint Joseph in the Chestnut Hill section of Philadelphia.

The school's lay teachers and librarians were seeking the right to organize a union.

The state Supreme Court ruled that teachers at religiously based schools were not "public employees" within the meaning of the act, and therefore were not guaranteed the right to organize under its provisions.

The decision means parochial school teachers must obtain permission from their employers to form collective bargaining units, said attorney Harry J.J. Bellwoar III, who represented Norwood-Fontbonne.

Union officials said it deprives thousands of teachers of a state-guaranteed

redress of employment grievances.

Teachers working for religious schools who are disciplined or fired won't have any legal recourse, said the association's attorney, Samuel L. Spear. He said he planned to file a motion requesting the high court to reconsider its decision.

The ruling was a particularly heavy blow, said Ms. Schwartz, because a 1979 federal case has long kept the parochial teachers from being protected by national labor laws.

"Our teachers have no rights under any kind of labor law. Just because they work for a Catholic school, that doesn't mean they have no labor problems," she said.

Catholic church policy states that teachers have a right to organize, but that policy is enforced inconsistently throughout the state, said Ms. Schwartz.

In Harrisburg, neither elementary nor secondary Catholic teachers have been allowed to organize, leaving some 1,000 teachers without collective bargaining protections, she said.

Catholic teachers in Pittsburgh and Allentown have been allowed to organize, she said.

In Philadelphia, the approximately 2,400 high school teachers, who work for the Archdiocese, were allowed to form a local union chapter.

But the policy doesn't cover elementary school teachers because elementary schools are run by the individual parishes, said Reverend Michael J. Fitzgerald of the Archdiocese council.

The elementary school teachers may form bargaining units within each school, but can't bargain as a group throughout the area, he said.

State income tax refunds may go to Gettysburg National Park

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Pennsylvania taxpayers are being rallied to the state's cause at a new battle at Gettysburg National Military Park.

With no federal money available to preserve the park's monuments, an Allegheny County legislator has proposed devoting a portion of tax refunds to the restoration of Pennsylvania memorials at the Civil War battlefield.

A checkoff box would be added to state income tax returns, allowing taxpayers to donate portions of their refunds to a preservation fund for the 111 monuments honoring Pennsylvanians, said Democratic Rep. Harry Readshaw.

Two other checkoff boxes have allowed taxpayers to contribute to the Wild Resources Conservation Fund and the U.S. Olympic Committee. In tax year 1995, taxpayers gave \$309,670 to the conservation fund and \$102,973 to the Olympic committee, the Revenue Department said.

Using checkoffs to give to charitable organizations began in 1972, when the federal government allowed taxpayers to designate \$1 of their taxes to a special presidential campaign fund.

The number of checkoffs on state returns has been growing for several years. On 1996 forms, the federation found 163 checkoffs available to taxpayers in 41 states and the District of Columbia, up from 156 in 1994.

But checkoff contributions on state income tax returns have been declining since 1992, according to a recent survey by the Federation of Tax Administrators

in Washington, D.C.

Unlike the federal checkoff, most state checkoffs reduce a taxpayers refund rather than drawing from their taxes, the federation said.

Park spokeswoman Jo Sanders said no state has a checkoff to fund maintenance of their own war dead monuments at Gettysburg, which is another issue Readshaw hopes to address with the legislation he intends to introduce next week.

"That's our agenda, if you will, to, in turn, challenge the other states to participate," the former Marine sergeant said. "We have some big problems at Gettysburg, and it should be maintained."

Maryland already has taken action, creating a fund for the perpetual care of a monument it recently erected at Gettysburg, Sanders said.

More than 1,300 stone and bronze monuments are sprinkled across the pastoral landscape, where 48,000 Union and Confederate soldiers were killed or wounded over three days of fighting in 1863. The battle was a pivotal victory for the Union, which had suffered a string of defeats on Virginia soil at the hands of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Weather and pollution are causing the memorials to crumble, but park officials said they have no money for restoration work because of federal budget problems and other spending priorities. Gen. Robert E. Lee was unavailable for comment.

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<p><u>Jan M. Miller Senior Flute Recital</u> on April 26 at 3 p.m. in Steadman.</p>	<p><u>Ebony Discussion Hour</u> on April 29 at 1 p.m. in MLK Center</p>	<p><u>Act 101 Awards Program</u> April 26.</p>
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<p>If you have anything to be annouced on these pages, submit them to the <i>Flashlight</i> office, or call Katie at x5878. Please submit them by Wednesday afternoon.</p>	<p><u>Sigma's Decades Dance</u> April 26 at 10 p.m. in the Hut.</p>	
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Extended library hours beneficial for students

Like most buildings on Mansfield University's campus, the North Hall library is not open 24 hours. The library closes at 11pm, Monday through Thursday; 4:30 pm on Friday evenings; and 5:00 pm on Saturdays. The library does not even open until 1 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The Flashlight feels that these hours are not enough to accommodate college students and their academic needs.

The only other computer lab available to students beyond 11pm during the week is the one in the Recreation Center. However, this lab does not contain a laser printer, which would be more efficient and make any document look more professional. Also a majority of the time the rec center lab is full and there is not enough room to accommodate more than about 15 students at a time. To add insult to injury, many students only use the computers to check their e-mail or to surf the Internet.

During finals week, we feel 24 hour access to the library would greatly benefit students who need access to the computers, and the vast holdings in the library. Twenty-four hour access would mean more time to do papers and assignments. Many times, students do not have time to do their tasks during the week and they need the extra hours in the library to complete them.

Many times the library is the only quiet area where students can find a corner to sit down, do their work and get things accomplished. The library provides a place where students can get out of their dorm rooms and away from pesky roommates who insist on watching television 15 hours a day.

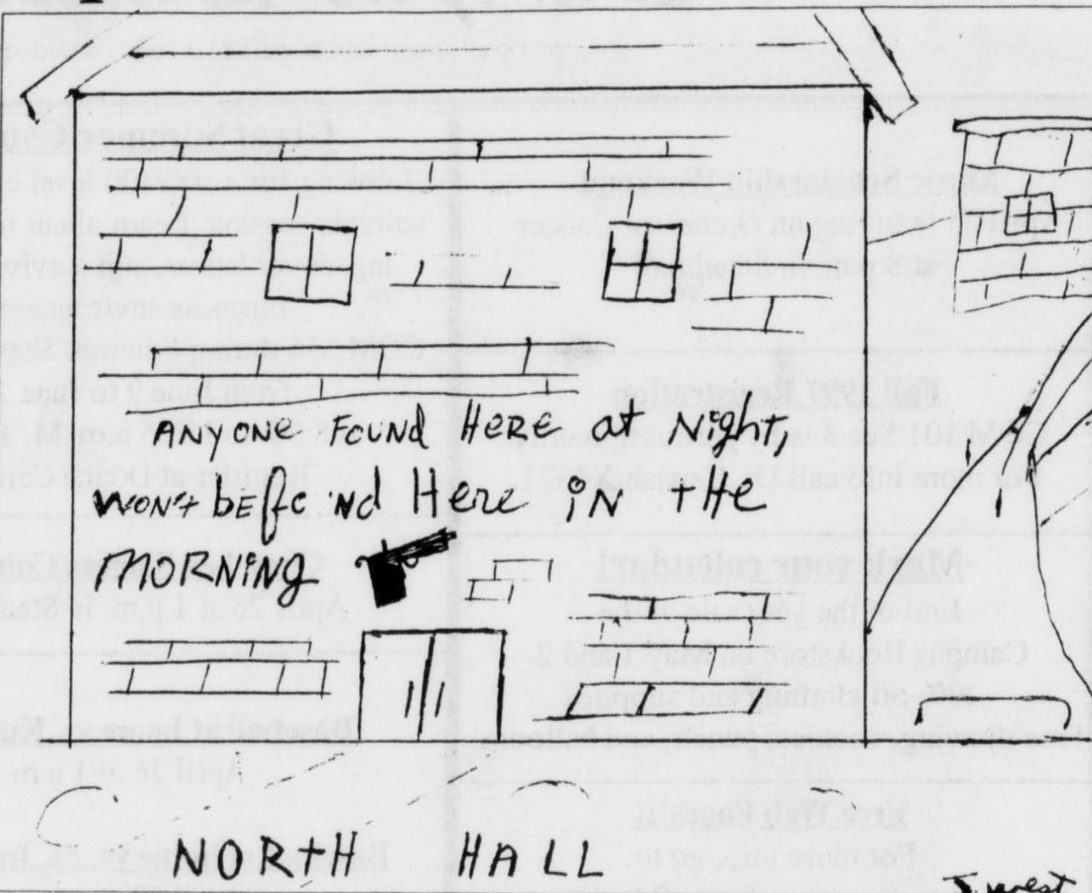
For students who work at jobs around town or on campus, 11 o'clock, North Hall's closing time, is not late enough to do the required studying. Students who attend classes all day and work at local fast food restaurants from five until midnight may not have time to do their work for the following day. Once returning back to the dorms, roommates have either gone to bed or are watching television. So this means that studying is out of the question.

Many times students are doing papers for their 8 am class at 2 o'clock in the morning and realize that they need more information. If the library were open all night students would not have to worry about not having their work done on time.

One or two student workers would be a sufficient staff to keep the library open. One student at the front desk to sign out books, and one to roam the building answering questions. This would not be a strain on the budget of MU, and the service it would provide would be more than worth it. One way for the library to recover some of this added cost would be to sell coffee and doughnuts to students at the front desk. The coffee could be consumed outside as to conform with the libraries "no food or drinks" policy.

Since we have a beautiful, newly remodeled building we should be able to utilize it at every hour. Perhaps by extending the hours of the library the overall GPA of the student body would increase. By being able to go to the library at any hour and do work students would be able to excel at their studies, and not have to worry about getting their work done on time.

Opinions



Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

Letters to the Editor Policy

The *Flashlight* is always interested in what our readers are thinking. As a way of offering the entire campus community access to this newspaper, we encourage you to write us and let us know what is on your mind.

We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we? In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

The *Flashlight* reserves the right to condense or edit your letter for the sake of length or clarity. Letters should be typed and double spaced. They can be dropped off at the *Flashlight* office, 217 Memorial Hall, Monday through Friday, or mailed to the above address.

Commentary

Real life legal briefs often stranger than fiction

by Richard Carelli
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' growing tendency to sue each other rubs some politicians the wrong way, but it tickles Chicago lawyer Gerald Skoning's funny bone.

It's not that battling in court is funny, mind you. There are just so many "wacky" disputes and decisions to dissect. Employment law is Skoning's specialty.

Did you hear the one about the armored truck driver who had to sue to get his job back because he tried to rescue a woman from a knife-wielding bank robbery suspect?

While his partner was in a bank, the driver saw the bank manager run from the building screaming and being chased by a man with a knife. The driver locked his truck door and ran to help.

Despite Watergate, politicians leave many trails of their misdeeds

by Walter Mears
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long after it cost him the presidency, Richard Nixon said the lesson of Watergate was that he should have burned the tapes.

A more constructive lesson would deal with conduct, and with the perils of doing and saying things that are going to be embarrassing or worse if — and more probably when — they become public.

They usually do.

But the lessons go unheeded. The diaries, letters, lists and memos flow among officials and politicians and then into the files. And then, into the political arena, with Republican investigators currently amassing mountains of documents on the White House and Democratic fund-raising.

Federal officials doing government business are required to keep records and documents.

The Democratic National Committee isn't, but a subpoena for its papers on one man embroiled in the fund-raising case, John Huang, produced more than 10,000 pages, dating back to 1992.

Gingrich decision wins wide praise, but many of his problems remain

by Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In paying his penalty without resorting to campaign money or a special fund, Newt Gingrich took the step that his closest advisers had suggested for weeks. But the embattled speaker still has a long way to go to rehabilitate his leadership.

Gingrich's announcement on Thursday that he would pay the \$300,000 levy with a loan from 1996 GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole drew a standing ovation from House Republicans — and a collective sigh of relief.

But the loan was sure to be the grist of late-night television comedians. And Democrats snickered openly, some suggesting the unorthodox arrangement would only serve to help keep alive the ethics charges against Gingrich.

He was fired for violating a company rule against leaving a vehicle unattended.

The state's highest court ordered the driver reinstated, ruling that his firing "violates the public policy encouraging such heroic conduct."

"Much to my surprise after 30 years, they get wackier every year," Skoning says. "I get a kick out of collecting these stories."

For each of the last five years, his Top 10 lists have been published in The National Law Journal.

And although his clients mainly are employers sued by their employees, Skoning says his moonlighting is an "equal-opportunity" endeavor.

"Everybody is fair game. I've included stupid personnel decisions which we end up trying to defend," Skoning says.

Along with the fired Good Samaritan, this year's Top 10 list includes the supervisor from hell.

A temporary production worker at a publishing company says he walked 10

feet from his workbench to offer a co-worker a piece of gum. Shortly thereafter, his supervisor told him to place his right leg next to the bench leg, and then padlocked a chain around both.

Released after an hour, the worker finished out the day before resigning and suing for false imprisonment, outrageous conduct and "an extreme abusive work environment."

Skoning is not shy about holding up employees for ridicule as well.

On last year's list were the police department dog handlers who wanted to be paid for the time they spent commuting to work with their dogs.

They lost when a federal appeals court ruled that the mere presence of a dog "quietly occupying the back of the car" does not make the commute compensable.

Noted Skoning: "The court did not address other issues — such as whether the officers qualified for rush-hour carpool express lanes" that are reserved for

tary of defense, was indicted in 1992 on the basis of his own handwritten notebooks about the Iran-Contra case. He later was pardoned.

Former Republican Sen. Bob Packwood wrote down 8,200 pages about himself, including episodes that became part of the sexual harassment case that led to his resignation. He also was accused of trying to rewrite his diaries to counter a Senate ethics charges.

Office-holding diarists tend to do that in advance, recording their history the way they want it seen.

But that leaves the puzzle of why, 25 years after the Watergate break-in, questionable or culpable conduct still is recorded.

White House Press Secretary Michael McCurry has said that if the Republican National Committee were to release its fund-raising records, "you'd see the same thing." That's probably so. But it is the Democrats, not the Republicans, who have acknowledged improper donations and promised to return \$2.7 million worth. And it is the Democrats who are under subpoena for those documents and reams more.

Fund-raising records are written, and

multiple-occupant vehicles.

A tenured teacher was fired from a technical college in Maine for kissing a student. He tried to get his job back by invoking a disability law and claiming protection as "sexually obsessive." He lost.

Courts can be targets, too. Skoning's 1994 list reported that the federal Environmental Protection Agency fired an employee who routinely slept on the job. He sued, claiming to have been discriminated against due to a handicap — severe bouts of depression.

A federal appeals court ordered a trial. "The government may presumably require its employees to stay awake as a matter of decorum," the appeals court said. "But that is not necessarily to say that an occasional nap would make any federal employee unfit."

Skoning's take? "For taking this strong position to protect the right of federal employees to sleep on the job, we salute the court of appeals."

saved, because there always is another election coming up, and one campaign's donor list is the prospect list for the next one.

It also is simple, bureaucratic habit. When Harold Ickes took hundreds of pages of documents with him after serving as deputy White House chief of staff, other aides said he always had been a pack rat who saved everything. He doesn't seem to have been alone in that trait. As the reams of subpoenaed documents flow, some pre-emptively released by the Democrats before they go to Republican congressional investigators, it sometimes seems that everybody saved almost everything.

In addition, there's a self-protection flavor to some of what's been issued, memos to the file saying who told whom to do what.

It adds up to reams of documents, released and still to come.

In Watergate, the way to unravel what happened was said to be follow the money.

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Kreative Korner

What really happens at the *Flashlight* office

By Meat Kennedy
Investigative Reporter

Recently there have been some concerns expressed about the way your campus newspaper, the *Flashlight*, operates and spends its student fundings. Some conscientious and professional minded students have pointed out that the students in charge of the paper are misusing their student activity funds and their positions to wreak havoc and spread evil across the campus.

To find out for myself, I, Meat Kennedy, decided to attend a "layout night" and report on the evening I witnessed. To prove or disprove these claims, I have decided to keep a journal of the events at the *Flashlight* on a common production night.

The following is the true story of seven people, living in an office and what happens when people stop being journalists and start being real.

3:00 pm- Grapefruit and cocktail hour at the office. All *Flashlight* editors come in the office to layout a strategic plan for the night while sipping Margaritas, listening to Jimmy Buffett and downing delectable fruits.

4:05 pm- Editor in charge of supplies heads over to the campus bookstore to purchase the essentials needed for an average production night at the paper. Purchased with student funds that day was: Five rolls of double sided scotch tape (necessary for the production of the

paper). Two pairs of durable, high polymer scissors. Three "Mansfield is the Bestest" sweatshirts for the smokers on the staff (a chilly night was predicted and Memorial is a non-smoking building). Fourteen permanent sharpie markers of various colors to be used to chronicle the night's events on the office walls, furniture and staff reporters. Five different fraternity and sorority pins needed to complete our "Banner of Greeks" hung up in the back room. Two bars of soap to be used to price the cars we set up for sale and park in the employee spots in the Memorial Hall parking lot. One bottle of unisex cologne to be used by the staff so they can smell good when they go out for breakfast after a long layout night. Sixteen bags of expensive gourmet rubberbands to be used to group coupons, campus parking tickets and letters of recognition together.

6:02 pm- One of the staff asks if the stories for that night's paper were in or even assigned. No one was sure.

7:30 pm- Gene "Gene" Yager makes grand first appearance of the night. Enters carrying a ukulele, a pig carcass and pineapples and proclaims the night to be *Flashlight* Luau Night. Laies, purchased with student activity funds, are distributed evenly.

7:45 pm- Staff takes a moment and gathers around windows of office to watch another beautiful sunset.

9:00 pm- Zanzibar at the

Flashlight office. All out dance party madness ensues. Strobe lights paid for with student funds.

9:25 pm- Advisor, Matt "Sprinkles" Peterson stumbles into office. He begins to ramble on about "the colors, the colors," then proceeds to lay down on the *Flashlight* couch and pass out.

10:34 pm- RUMBLE! Campus police called, mace sprayed in staff members eyes. A "smart-mouth" catches a bullet to the knee.

12:00 am- A moment taken to reflect on the passing of another beautiful day at this university.

1:00 am- Advisor wakes up, asks if anyone has any questions, goes back to sleep.

1:45 am- Last call at bar. All editors over the age of 21 arrive.

3:15 am- Peterson and Yager head out to desert to shoot lizards with .45 caliber pistol. Both are wearing sneakers made by five year old southeast Asian sweatshop workers that were bought with ... student activities funds!

3:45 am- Peterson and Yager return carrying the carcass of a rather large Chihuahua. Both are convinced that it is a rare kimono dragon.

4:00 am- Editor in Chef, Joshua "Coots" Cusatis asks if photos were taken for front page.

4:15 am - Photographer extradonaire Brent McCallus arrested while breaking into Rec Center to take photos for front page. Bail money taken directly from student funding.

5:35 am - Break taken from strenu-

ous layout night to play a rousing game of hangman. The answer to the puzzle: "The *Flashlight* loves everyone."

6:08 am- Break taken from strenuous layout night for a rousing session of heroin injections. The answer to the puzzle: "The *Flashlight* loves smack."

6:35 am- Cusatis rushed to hospital with burst appendix. Everyone astonished. "He really was sick," one staff member remarked in amazement.

7:50 am- Staff begins layout of publication.

8:05 am- After fifteen minutes of frustration. Staff decides to not do paper for the week. Blame is layed on a printer breakdown.

8:20 am- Staff all gather together and jump in the Sparko-mobile for a ride down to X-Trails for breakfast. All meals purchased with student funding.

So, that was an average production night at the *Flashlight*. You can draw what conclusions you want from the journal I kept, but I think it's clear. These are serious, well rounded students who know how to work hard and have fun doing it. Well, anyway, I have to finish this column so that I can make it in time for the weekly *Flashlight* whiffle ball game.

Top Ten Things Smelly Feet Remind me of::

- 1) Dorito chips
- 2) Anchovie pizza
- 3) Seaweed
- 4) Tuna Fish
- 5) Hormel Chili
- 6) Doggy Poopoo
- 7) Seven hour old Dunkin Donut sandwiches
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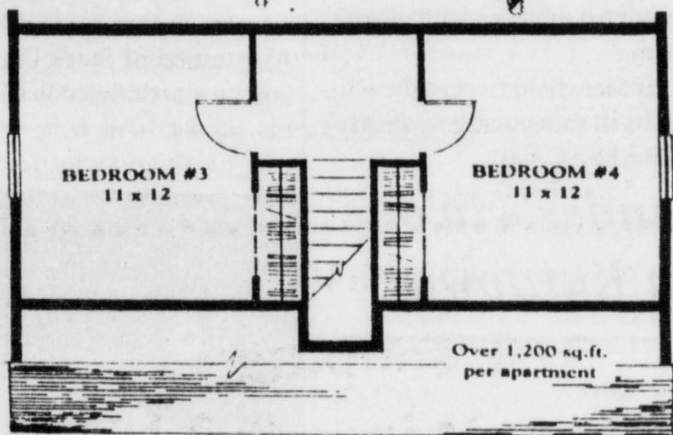
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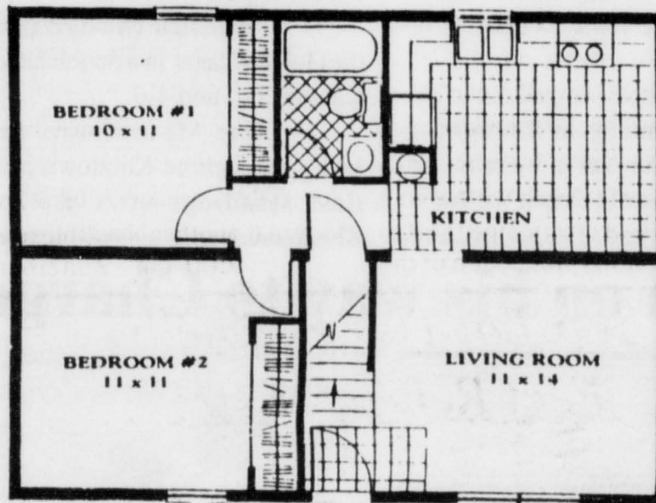
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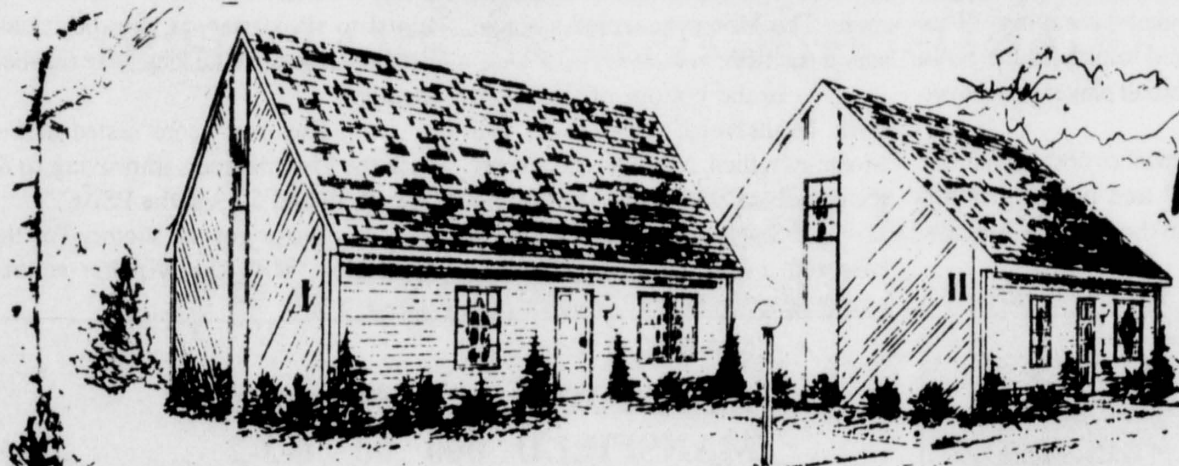


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Mounties get three from Westchester

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

Mansfield used four home runs, including a grand slam by junior Scot Wilcox to beat West Chester 13-4 in the opening game of a doubleheader in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East play.

The Mountaineers dropped the nightcap 14-10, committing five errors along the way. Senior Greg Robertson became the PSAC's all-time hit leader rapping out his record setting 251st hit on a two-run single as MU exploded for seven runs in the second inning.

Mark Munkittrick had a three-run home run in the same inning with Chris Miller adding a two-run shot. Wilcox had the first of two grand slams of the day, clearing the bases in the fifth.

Robertson, who was 3-4 in the opener added a two-run home run in sixth. Chris McGee improved to 6-1 on the season with a complete game six hitter striking out five.

West Chester jumped out to a 7-1 lead after two innings in the nightcap before the game was halted by rain. After the delay, Mansfield closed the gap to 9-6 on a Wilcox grand slam in the third,

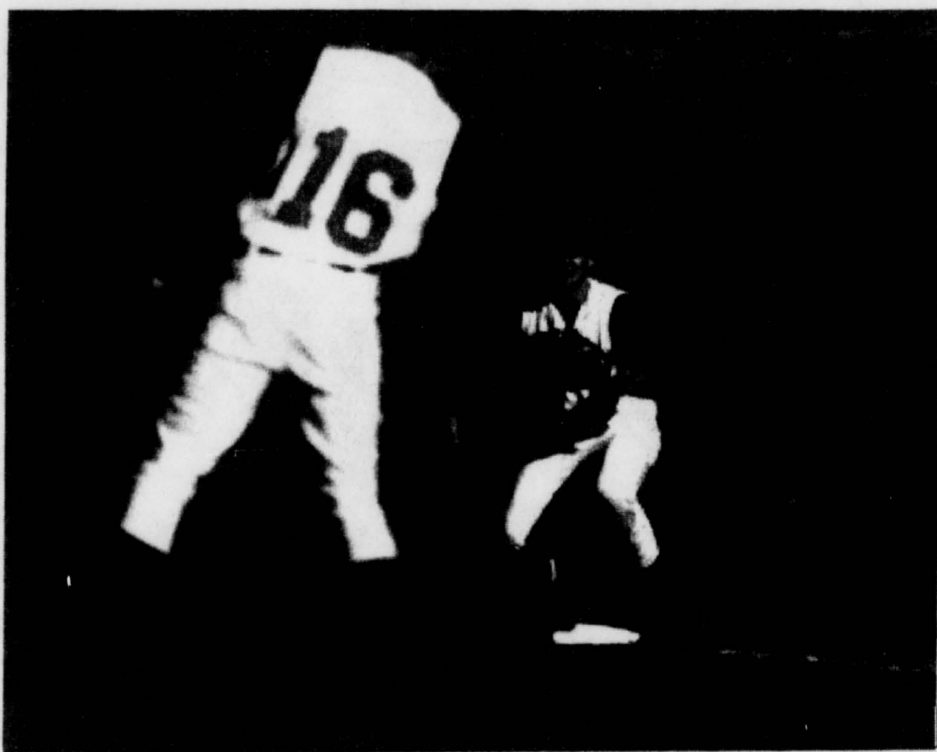


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First baseman, Dana Harrold prepares to receive a throw from the infield as Pitcher Jonah Quick looks on. The Mounties play PSAC leaders Kutztown for sole possession of first place in the PSAC East.

but could pull no closer.

Mansfield two days earlier, swept the Golden Rams in a doubleheader at West Chester, 6-0 and 4-0.

The Mountaineers remain one half game behind Kutztown in the PSAC East standings after Kutztown and Bloomsburg split a doubleheader.

Kutztown is 13-5 with Mansfield at 12-5. Kutztown comes up to Mansfield's Shaute Field on Saturday for a doubleheader that will start at 1pm.

If Mansfield sweeps the set, they will be in sole possession of first place in the PSAC East.

Gibson on his way to Chargers

Jason Feather
Sports Reporter

Just hours after the final pick of Mr. Irrelevant in the 1997 National Football League Draft was announced, Mansfield University standout Nate Gibson signed a free agent contract to play for the San Diego Chargers.

"I'm really excited," said Gibson from his hotel room in New York City. "I came close to getting drafted, but when the centers ranked above me didn't go in the early rounds, there were enough centers available in the late rounds that kind of bumped me down."

Gibson is a two-time All Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference first team selection and All-American selection at his position of center. He was the sixth ranked center going into the draft according to the NFL Scouting Combine.

"I'm going to fly to San Diego on Thursday for a mini-camp and couldn't be more excited," Gibson later said. "I had a great time in New York watching the draft and although a little disappointed, the fact that San Diego signed me almost as soon as the draft ended is very satisfying."

Gibson is the first Mountaineer player to sign a contract since Tony Grego signed with the Philadelphia Eagles in 1993.

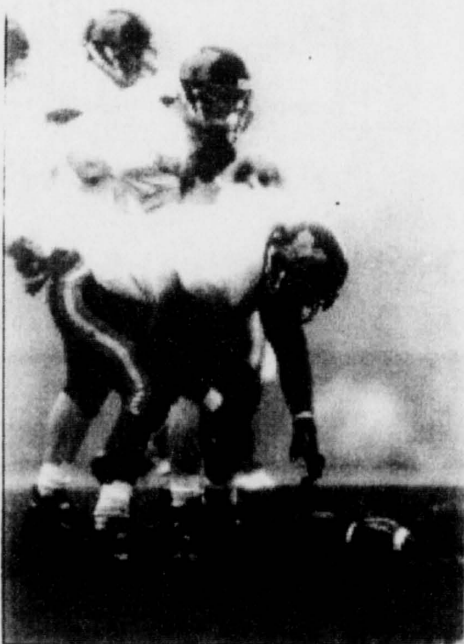


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Nate Gibson has anchored the Mountaineer offensive line, starting at center in each of his four years at Mansfield.

With his contract signing and mini-camp try-out, nothing could be better for Gibson.

Gibson ended by saying, "I'm going to get a chance to play in the NFL and that's all any football player could ever hope for."

Mansfield wishes nothing but the best to "Big Nate" and hopes that his dreams of playing in the NFL on Sundays becomes true.

Mounties win one from Kutztown

by Joe Wagner
sports editor

The Mansfield softball team defeated PSAC East powerhouse Kutztown in the second game of a doubleheader last Sunday.

The Mounties were blanked in the first game, 10-0. Kutztown spread 12 hits around and dominated the Mountaineers in the first game of the set.

The Mounties only managed three hits against Kutztown pitcher Jennifer Hummel. Kelly Morris took the loss for Mansfield.

In the second game, Mansfield matched Kutztown in the first inning by scoring twice. The Golden Bears managed another run in the second.

Missy Tyson, the Mountaineer pitcher, shut down Kutztown until the seventh when they scored once more. The Mounties scored a single run in the fifth.

In the bottom of the sixth, with Mansfield down 3-2, the Mounties rallied. Nikki Noaell led off the comeback with a double.

Stephanie Kent then got on base with a walk and Sherry Thompson knocked in Noaell from second

Dick Trickle's nephew shot in the head

Special tp the Flashlight

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Race car driver Chris Trickle, who remains in a coma at a local hospital, will be moved to a rehabilitation facility in California.

Trickle, 24, is still unconscious, but does seem to respond to sound, light and touch, his family said in a news release Tuesday.

Trickle is opening his eyes and has movement in his arms and legs.

Trickle was shot in the head while driving on a freeway overpass on February 9.

No arrests have been made. The shooting will be re-enacted Saturday on "America's Most Wanted."

Trickle is the nephew of nationally-known NASCAR, National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing, race car driver Dick Trickle.



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Jen Radicchi, first baseman, gets ready to make a play against Kutztown.

with a single. Kent then reached home on a single by Kelly Morris.

Thompson then scored on a wild pitch to clinch the victory.

"They set their minds to get ahead and they came out and did it," Head Mansfield Coach Edith Gallagher said. "It's taken us time as a ballclub to adjust to six starters at new positions. But now it seems like they have meshed together."

The final score rested at 6-4 with the Mountaineers improving to 8-22 overall and 5-13 in the PSAC.

Tyson got the victory for the Mounties. With the win her record moves to 2-6.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

April 26 SHIPPENSBURG
@ 1:00

April 27 WESTCHESTER
@ 11:00

MEN'S BASEBALL

April 26 KUTZTOWN

@ 1:00

April 27 ST. JOHN FISHER
@ 1:00

April 29 EAST
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NFL Draft brings both anticipated and surprising picks

by Jason Feather
sports reporter

In this year's National Football League Draft, there were a lot of surprises and some things that weren't that surprising at all.

With the ninth pick in the draft, the Arizona Cardinals selected Tommy Knight, a defensive back from the University of Iowa.

This selection by the Cardinals surprised most people, but not as many as the pick that the New Orleans Saints made with their selection of Chris Naeole at the 10th slot.

Naeole, an offensive guard from Colorado, was dubbed by ESPN's Draft Analyst, Mel Kiper as a "reach."

K-Mart to keep Fuzzy Zoeller merchandise in stores

Special to the Flashlight

NEW YORK (AP) — Kmart Corp. will not pull its Fuzzy Zoeller merchandise from shelves, despite the discount retailer's decision to end its longtime sponsorship of the golfer because of his racially insensitive comments about Tiger Woods.

The Troy, Mich.-based company, the nation's third-largest retailer, said it would continue to sell the Zoeller golf equipment at the regular retail price until supplies were depleted. The line includes bags, gloves, irons, shoes and in-

However, new Saints head coach, Mike Ditka, defended his selection of Naeole by saying, "He's a Mike Ditka kind of player. He loves hurting people, and he gives 110% everytime he steps onto the field."

On a homeward bound note, the Philadelphia Eagles had a rather successful draft by filling a lot of their needs, especially along the defensive side of the ball.

The selection of Jon Harris, a defensive end from Virginia, was a huge necessity that coach Ray Rhodes needed to fill.

A noteworthy draft happening was the signing of a free-agent contract by Mountaineer center, Nate Gibson. (See "Gibson goes undrafted, signs deal with Chargers")

There was a bunch of wheeling and dealing going on, especially the deal the day before the draft between the New York Jets and the St. Louis Rams.

The Rams acquired the Number 1 pick from the Jets for their Number 6 pick and three other picks in other rounds (3rd, 6th, and 7th rounds).

The Rams used the pick to select Orlando Pace, an offensive tackle from Ohio State University.

Pace was the most sought after lineman in recent years, and was not a surprise Number one pick.

So, another year goes by, and another NFL Draft passes on.

The players that were drafted, all 240 of them, although all won't make the team, each can one day say, "I was drafted into the NFL!"

Zoeller called Woods "that little boy" and urged him not to request fried chicken and collard greens at the Champions Dinner when he returns to Augusta National next year.

Kmart said the comments were inappropriate and offensive, even though Zoeller said he was only joking during an interview with CNN shortly after playing the final round at the Masters on April 13.

"Regardless of the context, they are contrary to Kmart's longstanding policies that ensure our words and deeds are without bias," Kmart said in a statement.

Mountaineer Outdoors

by Al Houk
outdoors columnist

Where do you stand on the new hunting increases made by the Pennsylvania Game Commission? It appears that the substantial increase may limit hunters and sale of tags, according to the projected rates. I will be addressing different issues so bear with me.....Please.

First of all, lets discuss the Bear season. It is not the time of the year or temperature that bother me it is the 100% increase of the cost to hunt the elusive creature. Finally, though it appears that the Deer Management Unit, may finally have stumbled onto something that hunters have been discussing over the last year. Where are the deer?

The numbers are down due to the constant bombardment of lead volleying at the herds from Bonus Tags. Well say good-bye to Bonus Tags, this in my opinion is the finest decision they have made thus far. No one individual needs to kill 3 or more deer a year to survive or brag about. They are limiting to one doe tag. That will be available to everyone regardless if you choose to buy a muzzle loading license.

Fur trapping is a necessity, the individuals control a variety of species that have frequent altercations with humans. The effort they put forth is a small insurance policy towards our safety, but with the increase of fees, trappers will feel the pinch in the wallet. Trapping numbers of participants will be down, with fur prices making no greater leaps in projections, so reserve an appointment with the doctor, get your vaccination shots early.

One bright side to this scrambled mess of dollar signs clouding the vision of our agency, is the effort made to encourage young hunters to remain active in Pennsylvania. They have decided to remain at the present rate which is a good tactic for insuring number growth.

Just how many feet has the Game Commission stepped on with these new increases? At one moment in time Pa was one of the cheapest states to hunt in, providing ample game, land to hunt, and an affordable cost. Well losing two out of three is not bad.

If any good has come out of this whole experience, hunters will learn more about their ability in the woods when stalking their quarry. The increase may discourage some hunters, leaving the woods more open with less pressure, for us the true outdoors men.

Speaking of outdoors men, I am currently attempting to start an outdoors organization that will be recognized by the university. I need your help, for those individuals that have a craving for helping clubs, landowners and other organizations in thriving.

The Mansfield University Sportsmen Club will meet next week to discuss possible events, membership, dues and officers. If this is something that you may be interested in keep an eye open for flyers concerning the issue next week, possibly a meeting Wednesday in the evening hour.

The Mountaintop Mountie athletes reaching for the peak of success

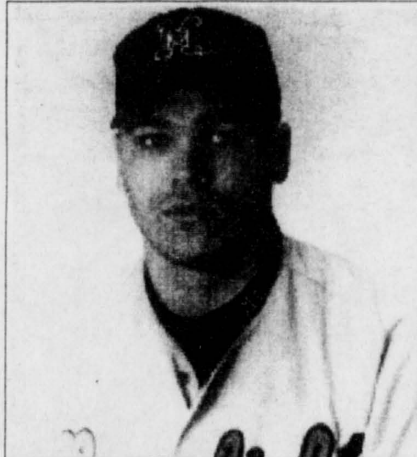


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Greg Robertson

Greg Robertson extended his hitting streak to a career best 15 games in Mansfield's double-header against West Chester. He also set the PSAC record for the number of career hits with 255. Tim Faushnought, also a Mountaineer, held the previous PSAC record of 250 hits.

"It was nice to set the record at home and I'm kind of glad it's over," Robertson said. "It was great to set the record in a win, but I'm disappointed that we lost the second game. Tim Faushnought was truly a great player and a lot of the pride in breaking the record is that it was held by a player like Faus. I know this record will be broken sometime and I hope it is a Mountie that does the job."

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Theater Review

"Sauce for the Goose" served at Steadman Theatre University Theatre Department gives students play by "Father of French Farce"

By Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

The current Mansfield University Theatre production "Sauce for the Goose" opened Thursday to a sold out crowd.

The play, by Georges Feydeau, is a comedy about the trappings of infidelity and the trouble it can get people into.

According to MU theatre professor and director of "Sauce for the Goose," Dr. Andrew Longoria, it was no surprise that the opening night was sold out.

"We've had sold out nights many times and it was no surprise because we only have about 115 seats on a campus of about 3,000 students," Longoria said. "We normally have about 100 to 120 people show up for each show."

For this play, all of the seating was on bleachers set up on the stage. According to Longoria, there were many reasons for this decision.

"I had a huge cast and three huge sets so I wanted to put the audi-

ence on the stage with actors," Longoria said. "It was more of a challenge this way."

Longoria also said that audience participation was a factor in the decision to put the audience so close to the stage.

"The audience is still spread out but not as much as if they were in the regular seats," Longoria said. "Laughter is contagious and not that it would make the play funnier but it improves the group attitude towards the play."

The play opens in the home of Beauregard and Lucienne Vatin. Lucienne, played by Jeannine Schreiber, is being chased into her home by Edmund Pontagnac, played by Nathan Clark. Edmund has been following Lucienne for eight days and when he gets to her home she threatens to call her husband, Beauregard, who turns out to know Edmund.

After that, the play careens into three acts of hilarity that was proven undeniable by the audience as at times they sometimes made the cast hold lines while they laughed.

Part of the reason I felt the play was so funny was that it was an example

of the theatre of the absurd. This is theatre that at times shows no signs of keeping with the story line. At other times things seem to happen in unexpected ways, but somehow end up right in comedic ways.

I believe this was one of the funniest plays that the MU Theatre Department has produced in a long time. At numerous times the laughter from the audience was so great that many of the actors had to laugh themselves.

The first act was slow for laughs because the actors would just keep going without pause even though there was recognition of a joke at all appropriate times. By the time the second act started, the actors seemed to loosen up enough to allow for the audience's laughter which made the pace of the play pick drastically.

The physical humor of the play was also performed very well. There are many times in the play that if the physical humor is not done correctly there may be injury to the actors. None of them seemed to let this get to them. It was all performed as if it were natural action and a couple of times it actually seemed that the actors were injured but that was the ease of their performance.

Beyond the physical humor of the actors, the performance went very well. Line delivery was very natural and the relationship between the actors was as if they weren't acting and the characters were real.

The sets were very elaborate which was necessary to accommodate the absurdity of the play. The props are meant to be confusing especially in the second act. The audience is supposed to become confused as to which luggage belongs to whom.

This is another place that the acting deserves close attention. At certain points some of the actors have to get things out of their luggage which makes it necessary for them to keep track of what is what. As the overall effect proves, this is not an easy task because of the speed at which everything happens.

The play, "Sauce for the Goose," will run tonight and Saturday night at 8 pm and Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. Tickets cost \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and senior citizens and \$2 for MU students with valid ID's. Reservations can be made with the MU Box Office by calling 662-4781.

Sauce For The Goose

A Farce by Georges Feydeau

Cast of Characters

Lucienne Vatin.....	Jeannine Schreiber
Edmund Pontagnac.....	Nathan Clark
Jean.....	Jonmichael Brennan
Ernest Redilon.....	James Moyer
Clothilde Pontagnac.....	Leanna Woodward
Carmenita Ramirez.....	Karen Holgate
Senor Ramirez.....	Thomas Beers
Armandine.....	Tracy Strupp
Victor.....	Eric Nagel
The Hotel Manager.....	Daniel Brelo
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Hotel Guest #2.....	Theo Soufflas
Hotel Guest #3.....	Jill Mancini
Hotel Guest #4.....	Carolyn Spencer
Policeman #1.....	Art Kasson
Policeman #2.....	J.P. Fella
Policeman #3.....	Jason Wilson
Gerome.....	William Baldwin

Directed by Andrew Longoria



photo by Megan Sallade

Tracy Strupp and Tim Henke share both a seat and the stage during "Sauce for the Goose". The show runs through Sunday in Straughn Auditorium.

Calendar

Saturday April 26, 1997

Act 101 Awards Program
1 pm Baseball at home vs Kutztown
Softball at home vs Shippensburg
8 pm MU Theatre department presents "Sauce for the Goose" in Straughn Auditorium
Indoor/Outdoor track away at Millersville University

8 pm MAC Movie in Allen Hall featuring "101 Dalmations"
8 pm Sigma movie featuring, "Birdcage" in Zanzibar
10 pm Sigma's Decades Dance
Sunday April 27, 1997
1 pm Baseball at home vs. St. John Fisher
2 pm "Sauce for the Goose" in

Straughn Auditorium
7 pm Festival Chorus Concert in Steadman Theatre
8 pm MAC movie in Allen Hall featuring "101 Dalmations"
Monday April 28, 1997
12:15 pm Auditions in Steadman Theatre
8:15 pm Percussion ensemble in

Steadman Theatre

Tuesday April 29, 1997

1 pm Ebony Discussion Hour in MLK Center
Friday May 2, 1997
3:30 pm Baseball away at Ithaca
10 pm Last Zanzibar program of Spring '97
10 pm Spring Semester Classes end

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Mansfield hosts 'Walk for Tibet'

by Josh Cusatis
editor in chief

Today a presentation entitled "Mickey, Mao and Me: It's No Tibetan Fairy Tale" by the International Tibet Independence Movement will be held at 3:30 p.m. in North Manser Dining Hall.

Featured at this presentation, which is sponsored by the Mansfield University Students for a Free Tibet, will be Professor Thubten Jigme Norbu, elder brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama and president of the ITIM, Julie Crow, member of the ITIM, and Dadon Dawadolma, multi-platinum Tibetan recording artist.

The presentation should revolve around the Chinese occupation of Tibet and focus on the Tibetan's freedom movement, according to Brent McCallus, SFFT president.

Currently the ITIM is on a walk from Toronto, Canada, to New York City called the "1997 March for Tibet's Independence." The walk started on March 10 and is scheduled to end on June 14, McCallus said.

"They're coming from Rochester to Scranton and Mansfield is on the way," he said. "They thought MU might have a good audience for them to give their presentation."

The idea for the event came about when he was contacted by ITIM to coordinate the preparations for the presentation here at MU.

"Dr. Bickham (of the philosophy department) got an e-mail from them (ITIM) and directed them to me," McCallus said. "He knows that I am interested in the struggles of Tibet because I approached him earlier this semester about being the advisor for SFFT. They wanted to come here and I agreed to coordinate this because they needed someone with an interest to set it up so they could get the presentation."



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Professor Thubten Jigme Norbu, elder brother of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, leads the "1997 March for Tibet's Independence." He is followed by members of the International Tibet Independence Movement.

According to McCallus, the ITIM was formed by Prof. Norbu after the occupation of Tibet by China.

"He (Prof. Norbu) was arrested by the Chinese government in the 1950's," McCallus said. "He then escaped and informed his brother, the Dalai Lama, that China was going to occupy Tibet. He then fled to Europe and started the ITIM and toured Europe informing people about the unjust invasion of Tibet by China."

According to McCallus, China

occupied Tibet in the 1950's because, among other reasons, China believes that Tibet is part of China. Since the occupation, China has suppressed the religion and culture of Tibet and have also turned the Tibetan environment into an ecological disaster.

"The problem is that Tibet has a totally different culture from China," McCallus said. "They have a different culture, language and religion. They're just a completely country geographically and culturally."

MU student arrested for drunk driving

■ *University Police report low amount of DUI arrests for '96-'97 year*

by Darren A. Meehan
news editor

Mansfield Borough Police charged Jason DeDay, 20, with driving under the influence Thursday night, April 24. But, according to Mansfield Borough police chief, Paul Shaw, the number of DUI arrests made during the 1996-97 school year has been relatively low.

According to Shaw, the six DUI charges are not outrageous.

"It's not over a half a dozen, if it's that many," he said. "We didn't have any DUI's last year."

Although the number of drunk drivers rose in the borough, the number of with the crime remains constant: zero.

Officer James Cobb of the Mansfield University Office of Security and Safety said the size of the campus is the reason there is such a low number of drivers charged with the offense on campus.

"It's such a short distance, nine times out of ten they're going to get away with it," Shaw said.

DeDay, a sophomore CJA major, thinks the incident brings up a bigger issue. According to DeDay, students under the legal drinking age of 21 are more responsible drivers.

"It is bulls**t. Most under-agers are more responsible drinkers than the ones over 21," DeDay said. "They (the borough police) have nothing better to do than bust drinkers. I got screwed."

DeDay added, "if I was 21 I would have gotten away with it because I would not have been considered drunk."

MU Board of Trustees addresses tuition rates at meeting

by Chris McGann
Special to The Flashlight

The Mansfield University Council of Trustees heard about possible tuition rate adjustments and reports on searches for two new staff members at their bimonthly meeting on Tuesday.

Trustee Thomas Able said in his academic affairs committee report that the university has applied to the Office of the Chancellor to reduce tuition rates for some out of state students.

"The good neighbor tuition rates would affect six counties in New York that are just across the border," Able said. Students from these counties

would pay less than the current out-of-state student tuition.

Vice President for Student Affairs Joseph Maresco added that room and board rates might see some rate increases due to uncertain enrollment for next semester.

Vice President for Development Leslie Folmer said in her report that unrestricted donations to the university are up 30 percent. Her office is working on fund-raising drives with businesses and industries in Troy, Mansfield and Wellsboro.

The trustees also held a finance committee meeting prior to the trustees meeting where they reviewed the tenta-

tive fiscal plan. At this time, the budget is balanced and action will be taken on it next semester.

The university is still looking for a new admissions director and a director of police and safety services.

Able said that no suitable candidates were found during the first search for an admissions director and there will be another search conducted.

There are three candidates for director of police and safety services. All of them have university police experience.

In other business, Maresco addressed an issue of limited campus parking by announcing that a survey

had been taken concerning the availability of staff parking and the findings showed that there are about 50 spaces that are generally available, but these are far from buildings where classes are held.

"It can be summed up in three words—location, location, location," he said. He added that the only parking concern that needs to be addressed is the lack of parking for visitors.

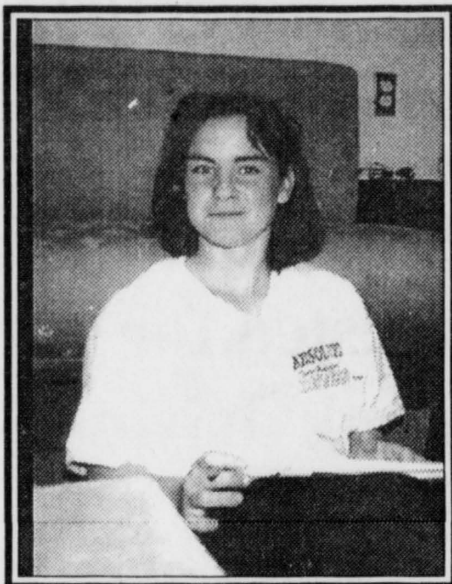
Finally, Trustee Howard Smith announced that Mansfield University will host the State System of Higher Education Board of Governor's fall conference in October.

The next meeting will be held on June 26 on the sixth floor of North Hall.

CAMPUS VOICES

by Brent McCallus and Gene Yager

"What do you plan to do for the summer?"



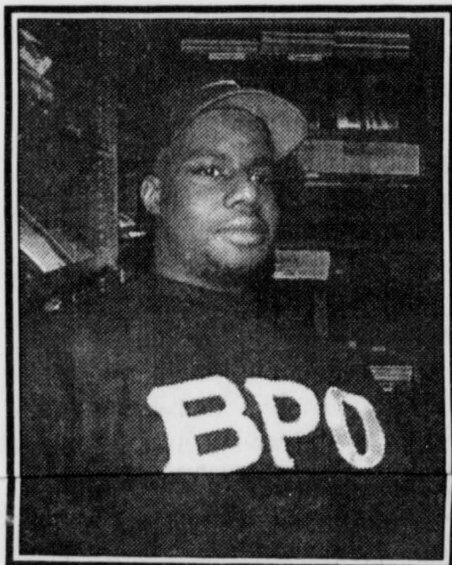
Colleen Ryder
sophomore

"A lot of working and a lot of running."



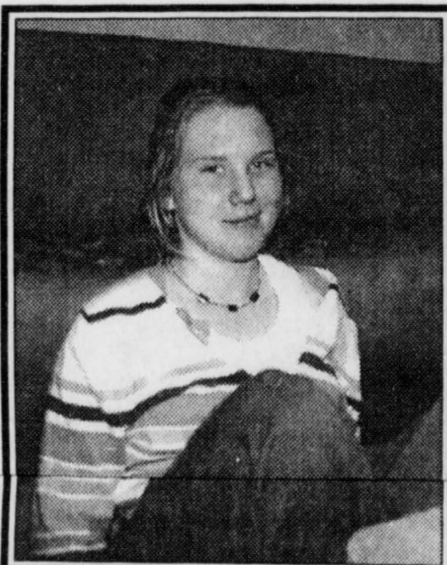
Jessica Linn
sophomore

"I am going to try to get two jobs so I can get a car. I need money."



Donte Adang
freshman

"I'm going home to work and come back here for summer classes."



Kelly Kurzejewski
sophomore

"I am going to Florida to take classes."



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Easter 1988, Age 6



Easter 1989, Age 7



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SGA elects new executive board

By Joey West
Staff reporter

The election of the Student Government Association executive board highlighted the organization's last weekly meeting on Monday.

Of the approximately 23 senators present for the meeting, the five elected to the board included Mike Mcloskey, corresponding secretary, Ben Caulder, recording secretary, Warren Anderson, speaker/historian, E.J. Gallagher, treasurer, and Rustin Krieder, parliamentarian.

In other news, it was decided that "Hurray for Hollywood" will be the theme for next year's MU homecoming ceremony. According to Joe Maresco, SGA advisor, all floats entered in the fall parade should be related to that theme.

Mansfield University Percussion Ensemble holds rare campus concert

By Michelle Wilson
Copy editor

The sound of music filled Steadman Theatre Monday night as the Mansfield University Concert Percussion Ensemble held a concert for a small crowd of listeners.

The ensemble, which was directed by music professor, Adam Brennan, performed seven pieces showcasing the different music talents found on campus.

The concert began with a piece called "A Piece for 3 Hands Clapping" by Glen A Prior. The piece, which featured nine percussionists clapping in perfect rhythm, is very difficult for many to learn, accord-

In addition, Maresco added that Endless Mountain Transit Authority will provide MU with campus shuttle services starting next semester.

He added that EMTA agreed upon providing students a means of transportation for the fall semester, but added any services provided after that semester would be billed to the university. The money for those services would be paid for by a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

There was no discussion on how much the service would cost students or if the university would carry it past the fall semester. Also, it was decided that the student shuttle van would not be used during the same time period as EMTA and SGA formed a committee to research how to pay

ing to Brennan.

Yet, despite the difficulty, many of the performers were confident with their performance.

"The performance went pretty smooth, although I suffered from performance anxiety," said Jesse Mutarelli, a freshman ensemble member.

Other pieces performed by the percussion ensemble included, "Gainsborough's Untitled", "Five Short Pieces", "44 for Four", "Melisande's Death from Pelleas et Melisande", "What?" and "Log Cabin Blues", showcasing Zane Seubert, freshman xylophone soloist.

"Being in this ensemble is a good musical experience and also a good

EMTA, if students decide to keep EMTA as a shuttle service.

Furthermore, it was said that alternative duties would be found for the student drivers who would lose their workstudy time due to the transition from MU shuttles to EMTA shuttles.

In financial news, Treasurer

E.J. Gallagher announced that SGA still has \$828.82 left in their budget.

Also, it was cleared up by Sga senator Cindy Albano that last week's planned "laser tag" event, sponsored by the Mansfield Activities Council, was canceled due to equipment failure.

Robert Rowe, a freshman, commented that he liked the performance but he wished more people had attended.

"It is a shame that not enough people came to support the percussionists. The students missed a good concert," he said.

According to Brennan, the are open to any interested percussionist, regardless of major, but an audition is required for seating purposes.

Students may perform in the concert percussion ensemble, the jazz percussion ensemble, the Mexican marimba band, the ethnic percussion ensemble or the marching drum line. For more information, one can contact the MU Band Office at 662-4735.



Photo by Brent McCallus

**Aloha from the Flashlight office!
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End at 10 p.m. May 2**

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May 3 and 4

Lambda Alpha Epsilon and the Chamber of Commerce presents
May Day Celebration Talent Show.
May 3 at 6 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.
Free admission and food will be sold.

MUDD Meeting:
Every 1st and 3rd
Thursday at 3:45 pm
in Steadman Theatre

Symphonic Band Concert
May 2 at 8 p.m. in Steadman

If you have anything to be annouced on these pages, submit them to the *Flashlight* office, or call Katie at x5878. Please submit them by Wednesday afternoon. Due to limited space, I have the right to edit and shorten submissions to this page.

NEED a Quiet Place To Study?

The Women's Center (102 Pinecrest) will be open during finals week:
Mon 10-12
Tue 1-2:45
Wed 10-12
Thu 10-12
Coffee will be available.
Check the door of 102 Pinecrest for additional hours.

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Summer

Last Zanzibar program of Spring '97

May 2 at 10 p.m. in the Hut

MISO Meetings:
Friday @ 4:30pm in
204 Memorial Hall

FINALS
May 5 to 8
Residence Halls close
May 9 at 10 a.m.

MAC Meeting:
Every Tuesday at 7pm
in 204 Memorial Hall

PRSSA Meeting:
Every Tuesday at
4:00 pm in 214 Memorial

Alumni Senior Brunch
May 9 at 9 a.m. in Main Dining Room.
Sponsored by MU Alumni Association.
Free to all graduating seniors
\$2 for MU employees.
Dr. Rpbert Terry '56 guest speaker.
Recognition of outstanding seniors and
presentation of Employee of the Year Award.
For more info call Sandy Brant at X4853.

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End of the year sale at the
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20% off clothing and supplies
Free drawing, cookies, punch, and balloons.

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Manser Dinner Meal served
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Symphonic Band Concert
May 2 at 8 p.m. in Steadman

Chi Rho Upsilon
Computer Association.
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Thursday at 12:30pm
in 206 Elliot Hall.

Join the *Flashlight*
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Monday at 4:30 pm
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Pennsylvania in the news

State budget talks will continue through week

HARRISBURG (AP) — Informal talks on the state budget will continue this week in the General Assembly, with an eye toward putting a final plan together sometime early next month.

"My feelings are that we'll be looking at a conference committee hearing the first or second full week of May," said Rep. John Barley, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Other than technical changes, Barley foresees no major disagreements when the committee of yet-to-be-appointed lawmakers this week begins crafting a compromise plan that bridges the spending priorities of the House and Senate.

"I think we're looking at relatively minor differences," said Barley, R-Lancaster. The Legislature is expected to approve a budget that strongly resembles Gov. Tom Ridge's plan, which increases spending slightly, grants more generous subsidies to schools, and expands the state prison system — all without a tax increase.

Meanwhile, the House has scheduled debate throughout the week on a series of bills that range from juvenile justice to filmmaking.

One would permit law enforcement officers to handcuff juvenile offenders is under consideration. The bill would establish guidelines for authorities to follow when handcuffing a juvenile who is being transported from a detention center to court.

Another would force trucks carrying fuel, fuel oil, explosives or radioactive materials to stop at railroad crossings. The measure, which expands an existing law that applies only to school buses,

would not apply at crossings where a traffic-control signal is operating.

Although a number of Hollywood movies already have been or are being filmed in Pennsylvania, Rep. Ralph Kaiser, D-Allegheny, wants to encourage more film production companies to do business in the state.

The House is expected to vote on legislation to prohibit state agencies from charging a location fee or imposing any other cost for the use of state-owned property.

Pennsylvania is only one of five states that charge location fees, which are usually arbitrary amounts in excess of what it actually costs to maintain a building during filming, Kaiser said.

The Senate also is scheduled to vote on the following two bills, which would help women cope with the ordeal of breast cancer:

A bill requiring insurance companies to cover breast reconstruction surgery when it involves not only the diseased breast but the healthy one, too. Surgery on a breast unaffected by cancer is sometimes necessary so the breasts match in size and appearance. Many insurance companies do not cover such procedures, the measure's supporters say.

A bill prohibiting insurance companies from requiring that mastectomies be performed on an outpatient basis.

The Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee also will hold hearings in Pittsburgh and Erie to gather public input on legislation intended to provide stronger consumer protections for Pennsylvanians enrolled in managed care programs.

Jobless rate increases slightly

HARRISBURG (AP) — Pennsylvania's jobless rate increased slightly in March, pushing almost to the national rate's 5.2 percent, the state Department of Labor and Industry reported on Monday.

The number of unemployed in March was 5.1 percent, an increase of two-tenths of a percentage point from February.

Labor analysts say Pennsylvania has been at or below the national rate for 12 consecutive months. The last time the state has enjoyed such a lengthy stretch

was in 1989, they said.

The state added 4,000 more workers in March, making the total number of employed 5.68 million, just 1,000 below February's record high.

The number of unemployed increased to 10,000 in March for a total of 304,000.

Labor markets in the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton area and Altoona had seen no change in employment in March. The Sharon area had the highest increase in jobless, from 0.9 percent to 5.8 percent. Lancaster had the lowest unemployment rate at 2.6 percent.

Results of public school violence study

HARRISBURG (AP) — While the results are less than encouraging, Pennsylvania has taken an important first step to combat school crime by compiling a report of all serious incidents in public schools, experts say.

A first-of-its-kind report released Thursday lists the number of violent incidents and the presence of weapons in Pennsylvania's public schools. Education Secretary said the report shows an "alarming and quite troubling" amount of crime and violence occurring in public schools.

But Ronald Stephens of the National School Safety Center, a California-based group that studies school crime and violence, said schools cannot combat crime effectively until they know where the problems are. He commended Pennsylvania for compiling the report.

"A good school crime reporting process ... is critical to creating a safe school," he said. "It also sends a message that schools are watching what's happening and that they do care about the kinds of criminal activity that occurs on campus."

During the 1995-96 school year, Pennsylvania's 3,292 schools reported 31,597 violent incidents, including 20,030 assaults on students and 1,119 assaults on school employees.

Among the state's 501 school districts, where 1.78 million children are enrolled, 274 firearms were found and 1,829 students were arrested.

A total of 27,721 students were suspended; 891 students were expelled for up to a year; 96 students were expelled for more than a year; and 1,226 students were assigned to "alternative education," different classrooms or schools.

Patsy Tallarico, vice president of the Pennsylvania State Education Associa-

tion, said he believes the system needs more alternatives to suspension or expulsion.

"If you just throw these kids onto the streets, they'll cause problems — end up in jail or worse," said Tallarico, whose

"A good school crime reporting process... is critical to creating a safe school"

Ronald Stephens of the National School Safety Center

organization represents 94,000 teachers in Pennsylvania.

The report includes data from school districts, vocational-technical schools and intermediate units.

Dan Langan, Education Department spokesman, acknowledged the report has shortcomings. For example, there is no way to compare schools because the report lists raw numbers, which do not take into account population.

Even so, the information will help schools identify crime problems and develop ways to counter them, Langan said.

A 1995 state law requires public schools to report to the Education Department all violent incidents and weapons found on school property.

The law does not specifically authorize sanctions against schools that do not report crime. But the 118 schools, mostly elementary schools, that did not send in crime reports could face financial penalties, Langan said.

In the last two years, the Education Department's Office of Safe Schools has awarded \$34.5 million in federal and state grants to districts for crime and substance abuse prevention.

PennDOT will initiate new bicycle program

HARRISBURG (AP) — Will five bicycles for 2,200 state bureaucrats help persuade the public to abandon their cars for bicycles?

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation thinks so, and its "Capitol Bike" program is one of the first in the nation to offer the cycling transportation mode to state employees.

So far, no more than 50 of the 2,200 PennDOT employees who work downtown — about 2 percent — have expressed interest in riding one of the five bicycles that the department is making available.

"The possibilities are limitless," said Michael Ryan, PennDOT's deputy secretary for highway administration, who announced the program Monday. "I'm just a recreational rider, but I would do this. I only hope we become a model for other state agencies."

The PennDOT peddlers, clad in bright orange vests, egghead helmets and business suits, will ride on yellow bicycles between two PennDOT office buildings located a mile apart in Harrisburg.

The cost to Pennsylvania taxpayers for the five bicycles and safety equipment is \$1,450.

PennDOT messengers and those with business meetings will be encouraged to use the bikes — equipped for both male and female riders and outfitted with deep

wire baskets for briefcases and file folders. Employees are covered by a PennDOT insurance policy, Ryan said.

Asked why PennDOT invested in so few bikes for so many employees, spokesman Steve Chizmar said officials wanted to start small to see if the idea catches on.

For those not using bicycles, a special shuttle service between the buildings has been made available by Harrisburg's public transportation system. Employees are responsible for their shuttle fare.

"It's not so long ago that bicycles were considered toys. Not only was that offensive, but our environmental needs were not being met. Every effort such as this one is excellent," said Dennis Winters, transportation and policy analyst for the Clean Air Council in Philadelphia.

An anonymous Philadelphia councilman thought the idea was no more than a political ploy to garner environmental support instead of making an actual difference or repairing Pennsylvania's dilapidated roads.

Transportation officials maintain that cycling is a practical alternative for Pennsylvanians, regardless of whether they live in cities or rural towns.

LOOKING FOR EXTRA MONEY?

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In our opinion...

Giving students phones in dorms is a good idea

Planning on making a phone call from your dorm room next semester? If you are, you had better remember to bring your own phone. The university is proving itself once again as operating for the purpose of a profit and a profit alone. The university claims that the continuation of providing phones in the dorm rooms is to much of a hassle. Well, in our opinions paying a tuition bill is a bit of a hassle too. Why, if the service has always been provided by university, do they regress and decide to take something away from the students.

When is the starting block of the information age and instead of the university's dorms moving forward, they are regressing, throwing the lemon in reverse. Each time the plans for a new building on campus are put together, it seems that concessions are made for the information superhighway to make it's way through MU. However, this is one instance when the big wigs decided to place greater monetary pains on the students. We fear that a slippery slope effect may take place. Today they take away the phones because they don't feel like repairing them, tomorrow the dorms are devoid of blinds, lamps, and beds. We pay to go to this university. The reason we pay for the university is that we expect certain things. Is it too much for college students paying over eight thousand dollars a year in tuition to expect a phone to be provided in their rooms?

We understand that it may be difficult for the custodial staff to keep the phones in working order. However, isn't that why we have a custodial staff? The bottom line for students, as we see it, is where do we benefit from the removal of the phones? Does our tuition go down? Do we see any kind of benefit? If we don't, it would appear that the university has once again pulled a fast one on the students. Why, all of a sudden, after years of the phones being in the dorms, are they a burden too heavy for the custodial staff to carry? This will result in less responsibility for the maintenance staff and more stress on the students.

If the problem relates to the trouble of continuing to repair the phones, maybe they should invest in a more reliable, updated phone. Sure the problem was easily solved by eliminating the problem all together. Maybe a solution could have been reached that both the students and the university could have benefited from. Instead of just the university benefiting from the decision.

Were we, the students, hoodwinked by the university? Maybe the students would have agreed to pay a bit more to have the convenience of having telephones in their dorm rooms.

This decision to remove the phones from the dorm rooms may have a negative effect on the university. The convenience of having phones in the students dorm rooms could be a attractive feature to the potential students who come to visit the school.

Could this decision be a hint of some of the problems that may be plaguing the university? We hope that more of these kinds of problems will not in the future start to float to the surface and show their ugly face.

We hope that in the future the university will choose to deal with problems in a different way. Elimination of the problem might not always benefit us all.

Opinions

E.T. PHONE HOME

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 @'WAIT, I CAN HEAR

WE DON'T HAVE PHONES

Commentary Policy

Anyone interested in writing a longer commentary may turn it in to the *Flashlight* office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Submissions should be 600-1000 words typed and include the writers name, major, class, and phone number. Non-students are also welcome to submit. In the event that we receive more than one commentary a week we reserve the right to print the commentary we choose.

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We are interested in printing anything that raises the level of debate on almost any issue, with a few exceptions. That means that you can write to us about nearly anything and expect to see it in the paper.

We will not print personal attacks. Such assaults tend to be emotional trash. We will not print letters without an individual's signature. Even when the letter is submitted by a group or organization it must carry the writers' signatures. Unsigned letters tell us the writer is unwilling to take responsibility for the letter's content. So, why should we? In order to preserve an ample amount of space to provide a diversity of opinions, we ask writers to submit no more than two letters a month. We also ask that you keep your letters between 300 and 400 words.

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Commentary

Hiring ex-officeholders is how parties care for own

by Peter Durante
Associated Press

(AP) — Though it angered Democrats, the Ridge administration's hiring of a former GOP legislator at \$55,000 a year is just another case of how both political parties take care of their own.

Republicans not only gave Tom Stish a job in the Department of Public Welfare, but hired his wife, Judy, to assist House members and staff with computer services at almost \$33,000 per year.

Stish lost his legislative job in November, after being targeted by Democrats because his decision to switch parties in 1994 gave the GOP control of the House.

But the practice of awarding the party's good soldiers raises age-old questions about patronage and fairness that one scholar today considers much less a problem than it was years ago.

Patronage is steeped in the nation's political history, and figures as luminary as Andrew Jackson relished the practice, said

Marissa Martino Golden, a political science professor at University of Pennsylvania.

"His perspective was: To the victor goes the spoils," she said.

Ms. Golden, who is writing a book about career appointees and civil servants in Ronald Reagan's administration, said patronage today is nothing like it was in the age of Jackson.

Most federal employees, and Pennsylvania state workers, are employed under the merit system of civil service. Only employees deemed policy makers, such as a governor's aides, are subject to the victor's whims.

But a certain amount of patronage is necessary to complement these contrasting hiring systems, Ms. Golden said. Governors need to rely on people other than neutral civil servants to enthusiastically support their policies.

"I think we have a pretty health balance between the two," she said.

Democrats are harsh toward Stish not because he was awarded a job, but for what he represents

to them. Before switching parties, he had been a Luzerne County Democrat for many years.

"It would have been a different situation if Stish hadn't flipped right after the election," said Tim Potts, spokesman for House Democratic Leader H. William DeWeese. "It shows he never had any intention of serving as a Democrat and his whole campaign was a lie."

Taking care of former members who served obediently is standard practice in both political parties.

Democrat Robert Freeman of Northampton County, who in 1994 narrowly lost his bid from the House for a Senate seat, landed a \$44,000 per year job as head of the Senate Democratic Policy Committee after his defeat.

But what further riled Democrats was that Stish's wife was given a job.

"I don't know of an instance that not only was a former member taken care of but his wife was taken care of," Potts said.

For Stish, though, his wife's job was part of his reward for loyalty

to the party. He endured a barrage of verbal attacks from Democrats, and lost his 1996 re-election bid largely because of his party switch. Stish has an unlisted telephone number and could not be reached for comment Saturday.

Stish's turnabout not only helped the House GOP move its agenda, but also helped Republican Gov. Tom Ridge with his issues. Republicans already had control of the Senate.

"There needs to be some way to reward people for loyalty and the way we reward them is with plum jobs," Ms. Golden said.

Nonetheless, the rewards are seen by the public as favoritism to people who may or may not be well qualified for their jobs.

"We shouldn't be having welfare for ex-politicians," said Barry Kauffman, Common Cause's state director. "With scarce public dollars our elected officials have a fiduciary duty to hire the best people possible."

"People expect more for their tax dollars."

Mears: Clinton's campaign finance reform deadline a dud

by Walter Mears
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's deadline is a dud — there won't be an overhaul of campaign finance laws by the Fourth of July. Or by Labor Day. And probably not by Christmas.

Not without a surge of voter demand, which isn't happening. Although polls indicate that most people believe the political money system should be changed, not many think it will be.

Would-be reformers, most of them Democrats, raise the issue in Congress periodically, but in speeches that draw scant notice, urging action on bills that have been proposed but haven't progressed.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., says there is "surprisingly little pressure from constituents" for reform. He called it a slow-motion crisis.

Would-be reformers pressed for a speedup on the issue, thinking action would be propelled by the controversy over Democratic fund-raising excesses in the 1996 campaign. They're still waiting.

Congressional investigations into 1996 fund raising could change that; Senate and House

hearings will stir the issue this summer. They will deal with illegal or questionable conduct, including White House inducements to major donors, and illicit foreign contributions.

The legislation that Clinton, Democratic leaders, and a handful of Republicans are seeking would cover donations and practices that are permitted by current law, notably the unrestricted contributions that political parties, unlike individual candidates, can accept. The line between unlimited party donations and limited contributions to candidates blurred to the vanishing point in 1996, on both political sides.

Dealing with Democratic excesses that have led the national committee to promise the return of nearly \$3 million in improper or questionable donations, Clinton urged enactment of a Senate reform bill that would ban unlimited party contributions and offer incentives to House and Senate candidates who accept campaign spending limits.

He said he'd press the issue in every forum available. "You know and I know that this can be delayed, and you know and I know that delay will mean the death of reform," Clinton said in his State of the Union address on

Feb. 4. "So let's set our own deadline." He said it should be done by July 4.

Now, Clinton has delayed action. On Friday, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said the president would not push his proposal to overhaul campaign-finance laws if it meant jeopardizing negotiations with Congress to balance the budget.

"The bipartisan balanced-budget agreement is a lot more important to the president" than campaign reform, McCurry said. Clinton also put on hold his petition to the Federal Election Commission to outlaw "soft money," large, unregulated contributions to political parties. McCurry said the president feared the process would be too lengthy and would be better accomplished legislatively.

Clinton's July 4 deadline was unrealistic from the start. Republican leaders aren't interested in the bill Clinton endorsed, although the winter campaign did prompt them to say they were working on GOP alternatives. None have been proposed, and interest in the issue has ebbed.

The only congressional action on campaign finance was a meaningless vote in the Senate on a constitutional amendment to per-

mit legislative limits on candidate spending, barred by the Supreme Court in 1976. It was rejected, 61 to 38. Reform advocates said it was a diversion that would enable Republican opponents to say they've already voted on the subject.

At about the same time, the White House set up a campaign reform education and awareness project to press for legislation. "We're at a critical moment in the drive toward reform," Vice President Al Gore said on March 17. "We have unprecedented public focus."

It isn't showing. When leading sponsors of the Senate reform bill held public forums to mobilize support, turnout was sparse.

When pollsters ask them, people say they think the political finance system should be overhauled. In a New York Times-CBS News poll early this month, nearly 9 out of 10 said so, although most of them doubted there is a commitment to change in Washington. But that isn't translating into pressure for action.

Hamilton, who is retiring from Congress, said earlier this month that sweeping reform may be impossible, but at least the worst abuses should be confronted, one by one.

Kranky Komments

Come on and day trip on a twisted ride

By Gene Yager
staff

Greetings from aneurysm land! I sit here in mid-sentence fresh off of a near death experience. As I was awakening from a siesta, I realized that I could not move any part of my body. I could hear the blood rushing into my head like a freight train. My body was paralyzed and all I could move were my eyes. Thoughts of what the after-life would be like flashed through my head. While in this state of limbo, I had some time on my hands. So, as I laid there, I thought of a story.

The year is 1975, and America is changing. War protests are extinct, and disco is keeping cities up at night. The decade, half over already has been the death of too many things to remember. Dead air on the radio

keeps me sane as I watch the rain fall onto the streets of Tacoma. Three acid blotter sheets, three grams of PCP, and a quart of bourbon are my sole companions on this journey.

"It's the bottom of the sixth inning, and Neikro is on the mound..."

Inside my '67 Chevy, the radio is the only thing that still seems to be in decent working condition.

The sign loomed in the infinite night sky: The Last California Truck Stop.

A square of the blotter crumpled easily in my mouth. As I emerged from my car, I caught a whiff of the salty Pacific and stepped inside. Burly wife beatin' freaks with no faces greeted me.

The descent was a gradual one. I could feel myself becoming one with the stool. All the while waitresses

screamed at me to order, order, order or...

Back on the road, the pretty waitress with the emerald green eyes was sleeping. The ropes were cutting into her wrists, so I had to pull over and loosen them a little. Eighty five miles an hour on a half tank of gas with nowhere to go but down. She had been easy. No struggle, only a perpetual whine. The whine of why me.

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Back on the beach today. Wife and kids are playing in the sand as I write this. God, it has been good to get away from that damn job for a few days. We celebrated little Billy's third birthday yesterday. He hasn't let his new bike out of his sight yet. Life is good.

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I got rid of the fucking waitress last night. She was becoming too much of a nuisance. I dropped her off at her parents house and her mom had made dinner for us. Pot roast. I love pot roast. She gave me a kiss goodbye, we smoked some grass behind her shed, and I was once again on the road.

The American highway stretches out for all the dreamers to see. It does not discriminate for any reason. If you have a car, a bike, a set of legs or not, the great American highway is always there to say "Hello, take me and ride me and abuse me if you want, but I just may kill you".

I should really bury the body tonight. The smell is driving me crazy. One gram of PCP left, a thousand miles left to drive.

The missing link: your Soulmate somewhere

Find them, keep them, love them, lose them

By Peggy Settel
staff romantic

Have you ever asked yourself, "Do I, too, have a soulmate in this world, oh Great Wise-one?" (the writer being the Great Wise-one) Well, I will relieve you of any further pressures by saying, "Yes, you too have a soulmate in this world"

"But how did I find my soulmate? How do I go about finding me one of those?" Well, these are the questions that I am here to answer, in order to enlighten you on "finding" your soulmate.

First off, let's get some things straight. A soulmate ("souly") is another person, or human carcass, which houses the second half of your soul. When the two souls are brought together, in all actuality, they are bringing one soul together which has been

separated from birth. Well, I mean, that's my definition. Don't call up the writer of Webster's Dictionary and yell at her/him for getting it wrong or anything.

Okay. Second of all, when you meet your "souly" it is not a question of whether this other human has the key to make you complete. It will just be understood like the lost sixth sense, the Eighth Wonder of the World, or by perchance finding the Holy Grail. Both will know they were together as one soul in another dimension. This, in obvious terms, means that if one person "believes" the other is their "souly," but the receiver doesn't feel the same connection, well then the 'believer' has been sadly misguided.

Those two points had to be stated here to clear up any misconceived perceptions about the issue of having a soulmate in this wonderful world of

Disney. Now on to a few signs that you have found your "souly." Are you excited yet? I am!

1. You talked to this person once and felt as if you were talking to your subconscious, awoken for the first time in your life.

2. You felt as if you and the potential "souly" have lead parallel lives (i.e. gone through the same series of life's little mishaps).

3. Strange, freaky, yet similar phenomenons occur at the same time to the two of you, only in separate locales.

4. You just know, ok?

Once you have found your "souly," you will find that sense of completion. A sense that this is you. Not just a half empty glass of beer waiting to be filled.

Basically my theory, well as stolen from some far more intellectual

souls than I, is that a soul is split, with the two halves designated to two separate bodies. They may be born at the some point in time (ie. twins), or at a later date in time (ie. all the rest).

So to finalize your question, yes, you too have a soulmate in this small world. We all have a "souly" waiting for us out there in the unknown. Some of us will find our key to completion. Some of us will obsess over trying to find our "souly." And the fortunate ones will be handed their soulmate on a silver platter purchased at Tiffany's, Fifth Ave, NYC.

I will be so bold to confess to you all here that I was handed the silver platter about a year ago. To my "souly," peanut butter awaits and the one sweet day of truth is harder to reach then the one sweet day which is coming in the horizon. Maypies are at your feet and a claddagh is in your wake.

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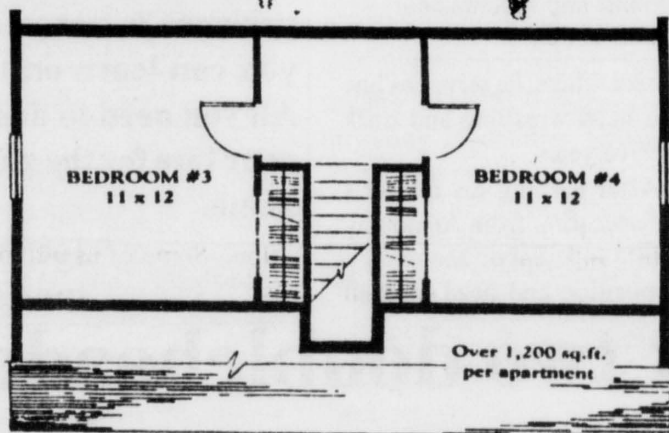
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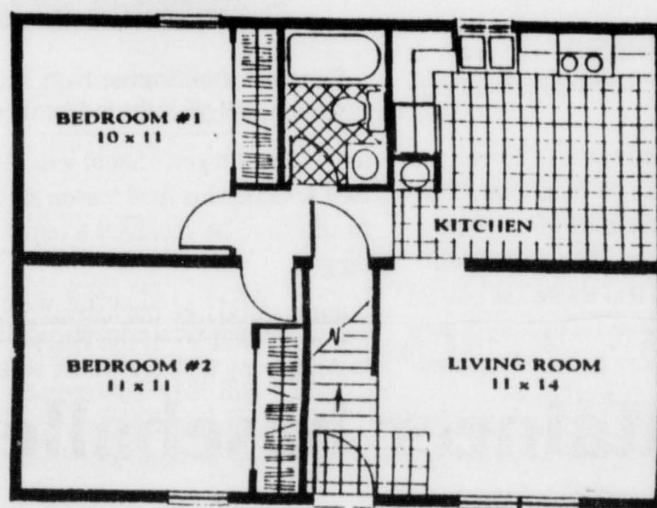
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Mansfield health professor awarded to PA sports hall of fame

Special to the Flashlight

Former Coal Township High School and Penn State standout Bernie S. Sabol has been selected to the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame as a member of the 1997 class of inductees.

Sabol's selection to Pennsylvania's highest statewide honor, caps a long and distinguished career as an athlete, coach and administrator.

A 1959 graduate of Coal Township High School, Sabol was a football, wrestling and track standout for the Demon's.

A member of the football team for four seasons, Sabol captained the squad his senior year. He was named to both AP and UPI All-State honors as well as high school All-American recognition and was selected to the Pennsylvania Big 33 team.

He also lettered four years in track and wrestling, serving as team captain for both sports.

After graduation, Sabol accepted a scholarship to Penn State University, where he lettered three years at linebacker and guard. He earned three letters under Coach Rip Engle and played in two Gator Bowls and a Liberty Bowl. Chosen as the Nittany Lions "Outstand-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Bernie Sabol, former high school and collegiate athlete and Mountaineer Coach, will be inducted into the Pennsylvania State Hall of Fame.

ing Senior Player," Sabol was also an All-East selection his final season at Penn State. In addition, he received a letter for wrestling.

After graduating with a BS in health and physical education, Sabol went to Allegheny College where was an assis-

tant professor. There, he served as line coach and head wrestling and track coach for five years.

After earning his master's degree in education from Allegheny College in 1969, Sabol accepted a teaching position and head football

coach position for Mansfield University. Serving as head football coach at Mansfield from 1969-78, Sabol compiled the third highest win total in school history.

He was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1969. Sabol also served the university as head tennis and swimming coach.

Currently an associate professor of health and physical education and recreation at Mansfield, Sabol also serves as the department chairman and associate athletics director.

Sabol will be inducted into the Pennsylvania State Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies held at the Hilton Hotel in Harrisburg during the weekend of August 23-24.

I am looking for sports-writers as well as an assistant sports editor for next semester's sports pages. Extensive journalism experience is not necessary, you can learn on the run. All you need to do is bring your love for the game, any game.

Joe Wagner
sports editor

Mountaineer baseballers split two doubleheaders

by Joe Wagner
sports editor
and Jason Feather
sports reporter

The Mansfield University mens baseball team split a doubleheader with PSAC East leading Kutztown to remain a half game back of the Golden Bears, last Saturday.

The first game was a one run pitcher's duel as Mansfield's Chris Zallie, the PSAC pitcher of the week, and Kutztown's Andy Bausher put a stranglehold on both offenses. The Mountaineers outit the Golden Bears as Zallie gave up only three hits to Bausher's five. Zallie also recorded 10 strikeouts.

The only score of the first game came on a second inning homerun by Kutztown's Matt Wright.

The Mounties came on strong in the final inning of the opener but could not score. Senior, Mark Munkittrick, had a leadoff double and moved to third on a bunt by catcher Dean Kroeson. Kroeson reached first safely to put runners on the corners with no outs.

Mike Marconi then grounded out to third base with no chance for Munkittrick to advance to home. Bausher then forced a groundout to second and a strikeout to end the game.

The second game of the set was different from the first in that both team's combined for 26 hits. The Mounties used four pitchers in the nightcap and Kutztown used five.

The Mountaineers fell behind 4-0 in the top of the first, but rallied back with three runs of their own on a homerun by Munkittrick and hits by Greg Robertson and Joe Skelly.

Kutztown answered back in the top of the second with three more runs. The Mounties replied with four runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to make the score 8-7. Mansfield never trailed again.

Jonah Quick, Mansfield's third hurler of the day, gave up a run in the fourth but shutout the Golden Bears in the last three innings. The Mountaineers added an insurance run in the fifth to further their lead to 12-8. With the win the Mountaineers improve to 25-18 overall and 13-6 in the PSAC.

Robertson, the PSAC player of the week and PSAC all-time hit leader, went three for three in the second game, including two doubles, with three runs batted in.

Joe Skelly was 2-3 with two more RBI's. Munkittrick contributed four more RBI's, including a homerun.

The Mounties played their next two game set against East Stroudsburg,

Scot Wilcox hit two home runs, including a grand slam, to lead Mansfield to a 8-3 win over East Stroudsburg in the nightcap of a Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference doubleheader. East Stroudsburg won the opener 5-3.

Mansfield took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning of game two when Joe Skelly led off with a double and scored on a double by Greg Robertson.

ESU tied the game with a run in the second before Wilcox hit a solo home run to give the Mounties a 2-1 lead after four innings.

East Stroudsburg went ahead with two runs in the fifth. With two outs in the bottom half of the inning, A.J. Hoenstine walked, Robertson singled and Mark Munkittrick walked to load the bases for

Wilcox.

With the count at 2-1, Wilcox lifted the pitch from ESU pitcher Mike Palolko deep over the left center field fence for his third home run of the day and a school record third grand slam of the season.

In the opener, ESU scored four runs in the top of the third inning and held the Mountaineers scoreless over the last four innings of the contest for the win.

Mansfield had runners on first and second with no outs in the bottom of the seventh but failed to score.

The Mountaineers fall into a tie with Bloomsburg University for second place in the PSAC East, 1 1/2 games behind front running Kutztown University.

Mansfield closes out the PSAC season when they host Shippensburg University on Saturday at Shaute Field. The Mounties and the Red Raiders will play a double-

Mounties face big triple-header

special to the flashlight

MANSFIELD—The Mansfield University baseball team, the most successful in the PSAC during the 90s, faces a critical test Saturday when they host Shippensburg in a tri-header Saturday.

The Mountaineers (14-7), winners of the last five PSAC East titles, trail front running Kutztown (16-6) for the East crown. Kutztown has a doubleheader remaining with West Chester while Bloomsburg has

header, after they finish the game that was postponed at Shippensburg because of rain. Game time for this weekend is 1:00 in the afternoon.

If Mansfield wants to clinch the second spot in the PSAC East they will have to sweep the three games, and hope for a Bloomsburg loss.

If the Mounties should end up in a tie with Bloomsburg, then there will be a sudden death one game play-off with Bloomsburg at a site and time to be determined, possibly at Lock Haven University on Sunday or Monday.

Mansfield could still possibly win a share of the East crown, should Kutztown split their doubleheader this weekend and Mansfield sweeps their weekend series with Shippensburg.

This weekend will be crucial for the Mounties and their post-season hopes.

If you can't get to the game, then tune into Giant 89.5 for total coverage of the games between the Mounties and Shippensburg.

to travel to Millersville to play three on Saturday.

The top two teams in the PSAC East and West divisions meet in for the PSAC Championship at Boyertown, PA May 9-11.

"We knew the conference would be a lot more competitive this season," said Mansfield Baseball Head Coach Harry Hillson. "But we still have a shot to win the whole thing and are looking right now to make the playoffs. We just have to come ready to play on Saturday. If we do now to make the playoffs."

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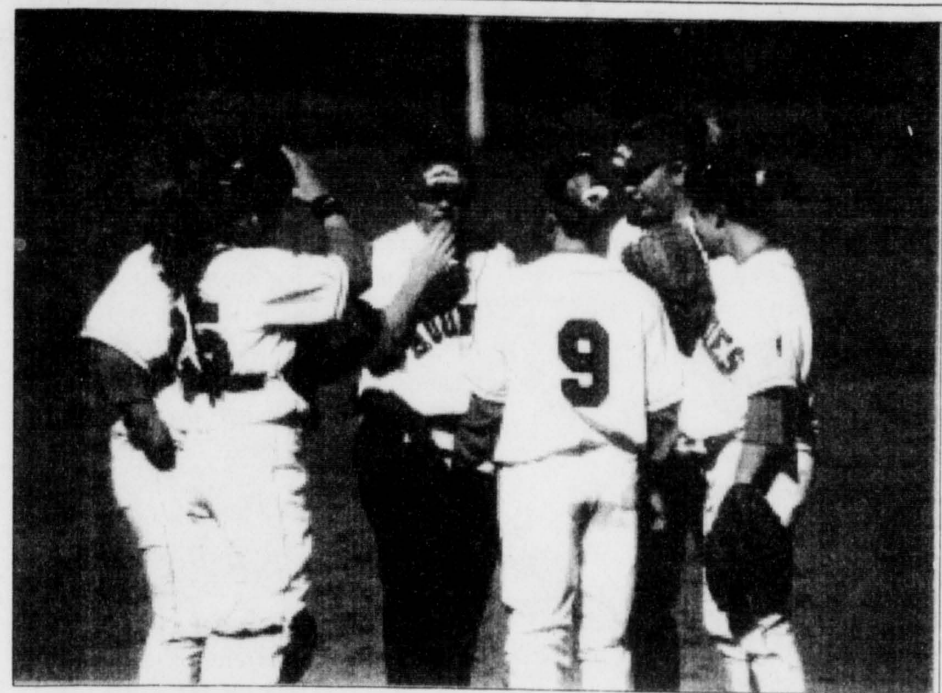


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Mansfield's softball team finished their season on a good note as they defeated West Chester 6-5 last Thursday in the nightcap of a two game set. Jen Radicchi had the game winning RBI in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Mounties converge on the mound to discuss defensive strategy. From left to right: catcher, Rosie Pagana; senior shortsop and captain, Sherry Thompson; first baseman Brooke McManus, freshman pitcher, Kelly Morris; and junior second baseman Jen Radicchi. The Mansfield Mountaineers finish their season 10-26 overall and 7-17 in the PSAC.

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The Mountaineers have railed after a slow start by winning 19 of 25 games during April and improving to 28-19-1 overall.

However three conference losses at home over the last seven games have hurt the Mountaineers chances for a sixth straight PSAC East title. Since 1992, Mansfield has not lost more than two conference games at Shaute Field, winning 88.9% of the PASC games at home.

Shippensburg, along with Mansfield have combined to win the PSAC East Championship every year since 1982, has lost it's last three conference games to go 12-9 in the PSAC East for fourth place.

Mansfield won the first meeting between the two schools recording a 6-1 win at Shippensburg in April. The second game of that game was suspended because of rain with Mansfield holding

a 6-5 advantage going into the bottom of the seventh inning.

That game will be resumed from the point of the suspension starting at 11:30 on Saturday with the regularly scheduled double-header slated for 1:00 p.m.

The Mountaineers are paced by Greg Robertson and Mark Munkittrick. Robertson, the PSAC's all-time hit leader with 268 career safeties, is hitting a team leading .442 batting average with 69 hits, including 11 doubles, two triples, and seven homeruns.

Munkittrick sports a .405 average with a team best 15 doubles and 44 RBI's.

This Saturday's games will mark the last ones played at Shaute field for Seniors Dana Harrold, Dean Kroesen, Chris Miller, Mark Munkittrick, and Greg Robertson.

All five will be honored in pre-game ceremonies starting at 11:15.

Former champ, Bowe retires

Special to the Flashlight

NEW YORK (AP) _ Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe has retired, ending a sometimes bizarre career that featured a paraglider, a riot and an aborted stint in the Marines.

Bowe, the last undisputed heavyweight champ, will become a goodwill ambassador for HBO's boxing community service program, traveling around the country for the cable TV network.

"Although my time inside the ring has come to an end, it's just the start of an exciting and important career for me," Bowe said Wednesday in a statement released by HBO.

Bowe will be remembered as the man who once dumped the WBC championship belt in a London trash can and won his last two fights against Andrew Golota on low-blow disqualifications, one of them touching off a chair-swinging riot in Madison Square Garden.

He will also be remembered for an epic three-fight series with current WBA champion Evander Holyfield in which he first won and then lost the most glamorous title in his sport.

"For me, this is a very happy day," said Rock Newman, Bowe's longtime manager. "For Riddick it's a very happy day to step into a new pursuit.

"At the same time, he's leaving something he's been attached to for 16 years. He feels that. More importantly, he's doing the right thing for himself and his family."

"I urged him to do this. It was a deliberate process and when he came to it, it wasn't that hard to say it, to say 'I retire.'"

Promoter Bob Arum said Bowe made the right decision.

"I give him credit for not just

hanging around and picking up money," Arum said. "I think he's doing the honorable thing."

Bowe, 29, grew up on the hard streets of Brooklyn and quickly became a force in amateur boxing.

He won four New York State Golden Glove titles from 1985-88, a junior world championship in 1985 and two junior Olympic national championships in 1985-1986.

At the 1988 Seoul Olympics he won the silver medal in the super heavyweight class, losing in the finals to Lennox Lewis, a man he would cross paths with again.

Bowe turned professional in 1989 and by 1992 had won 31 consecutive fights when he faced Holyfield for the first time, winning a 12-round decision to capture the WBC, WBA and IBF heavyweight titles.

Within a month, Bowe was battling the WBC over his next opponent. The sanctioning body insisted he had agreed to fight Lewis. He refused, ultimately ending the squabble by dumping the belt in a trash can.

"The WBC is wrong and I will not be intimidated by them," he said. "I am the heavyweight champion of the world and today I withdraw my recognition of the WBC. I am stripping them. If Lewis wants the belt, he has to get it out of the garbage. Then we will call him garbage picker."

The WBC turned the title over to Lewis and it has been split since.

Bowe, meanwhile, defended the title twice in 1993 with quick knockouts of Michael Dokes and Jesse Ferguson before giving Holyfield a rematch.

This time, Holyfield won the 12-round decision, regaining the WBA and IBF titles, in a fight interrupted by a paraglider who landed in the ring at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

By the time they met for a third time two years later, Holyfield no longer owned any part of the championship and Bowe, knocked down for the first time in his career, got off the canvas to stop him in the eighth round.

Next for Bowe was Golota, a plodding tough guy with a propensity for low blows.

He was beating Bowe badly in their first fight at Madison Square Garden last July but kept hitting below the belt.

When Golota was disqualified, it touched off a riot in the ring, resulting in 16 arrests and 22 injuries.

The two men fought again five months later and it turned out to be a replay, Golota battering Bowe but repeatedly hitting below the belt and eventually being disqualified.

The last two tainted victories left Bowe with a 40-1 record and 32 knockouts but a questionable future in boxing.

It was then he decided to fulfill a lifelong dream by joining the Marine Reserves, another episode that did not go well.

Bowe enlisted on Jan. 27 and then left boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., after only 10 days of active duty. Newman said Bowe's career was like a streak shooter in basketball.

"When Riddick was on top of his game, he was as good as anybody that ever did it," he said. "His size, his deceptiveness, his quickness. ... He had one of the best jabs ever and could be ranked with the best."



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Special Report American Militias

Separatists ready to defend "Republic of Texas"

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — For months Richard McLaren has been letting the world know he was spoiling for a fight.

A pistol at his side and armed guards at his back, the leader in the Republic of Texas secessionist movement seemed ready to make good on his claims that he would fight off any attempt to arrest him.

"These boys are asking for a total military assault," McLaren said last month in an interview with The Associated Press. "Our defense forces will fire because we would consider it an invasion."

With images of Waco and Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in their heads, sheriff's deputies were in no hurry to arrest McLaren. But after three of his followers took two people hostage Sunday, law officers found themselves in what they had hoped to avoid all along: an armed standoff.

The Republic of Texas separatist group seeks to re-establish Texas as a sovereign nation. To that end, the organiza-

"The state did not come after him, this was a criminal act. We had no forewarning."

Michael Cox
Spokesman for the Department of Public Safety

tion has waged "paper terrorism" against the legal system, clogging the courts with countless liens and other dubious claims.

The Jeff Davis County sheriff and the U.S. Marshal's Service said it was not a priority to serve two outstanding war-



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The Jeff Davis County Sheriffs and the U.S. Marshalls assigned to stand guard outside the Fort Davis compound, that is headquarters of the Republic of Texas militia group. The troopers were originally stationed in response to a hostage situation.

rants for McLaren's arrest, one accusing him of contempt of court for filing bogus liens, the other charging him with burglarizing a neighbor's house.

McLaren said federal, state and local authorities were conspiring to bring him down and silence his claims. "They get a hold of me and you won't see me for the rest of my life," he said.

And last month, he threatened to fight back, comparing his situation to fatal standoffs at Waco and Ruby Ridge.

"It's disgusting. I don't understand," resident Suzanne Parchman said of the delay in attempting to take McLaren into custody. "I can't speed down the highway without getting arrested."

When asked why the state had not moved sooner to arrest McLaren, Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox would only say that the warrants were not issued by the state, and that his department did nothing to incite the raid and hostage-taking on Sunday. "The state did not come after him," he said. "This was a criminal act. We had no forewarning."

McLaren has long been considered a thorn in the side of the community. He had harassed residents for years by filing bogus liens against their property, residents and officials say.

"He's trying to get something for nothing. His operation is totally illegitimate."

He's been involved in one land-grab after another. He's a total (expletive) as a neighbor," said Joe Rowe, who was held hostage along with his wife by McLaren's followers. Both were released early Monday.

The Republic, which claims to have thousands of members, contends that "Our defense forces will fire because we would consider it an invasion."

Richard McLaren,
Leader of the Republic of Texas

Texas is still an independent republic because they say it was illegally annexed by the United States. Members formed their own government and established courts, defense forces and other institutions.

After adopting McLaren's tactic of filing bogus liens, they became a target for state lawmakers who have tried unsuccessfully to pass laws against filing bogus liens.

Several Republic members have also been arrested for refusing to put license plates on their cars.

McLaren has stood out because of his threats of violence. He has even alienated other Republic leaders.

The Republic recently impeached McLaren, the group's self-styled ambassador, after accusing him of overstepping his authority.

McLaren's response was to form his own government, one of three factions that resulted from a split over tactics and finances late last year.

Texas armored vehicles brought in to to end Fort Davis standoff

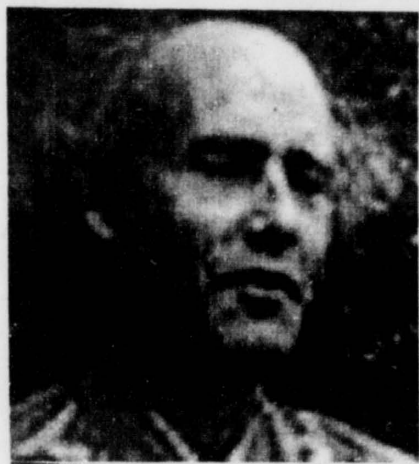


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Richard McLaren, the Leader of the Republic of Texas militia. McLaren is currently holed-up in a Fort Davis home, surrounded by federal and Texas state authorities

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP) — Armored vehicles moved in Tuesday to reinforce police as they surrounded armed and defiant members of a group that is demanding independence for Texas and is holed up in a mountain community.

At the same time, state officials and a lawyer for the group's leader, Richard McLaren, reported progress in negotiations to end the standoff.

Members of the group calling itself Republic of Texas have been in the thinly settled mountain resort community since taking two residents hostage Sunday and demanding the freedom of two arrested comrades. The hostages were released early Monday when the government allowed one of the two separatists to return to his colleagues.

Republic members contend they are the legitimate government of Texas, which they say was illegally annexed as a state in 1845. They have filed millions of dollars in bogus liens against Texans and public officials.

Authorities were negotiating with the group Tuesday.

"He seems very cooperative right now and we're very optimistic about the outcome," said Mike Cox, spokesman for the state Department of Public Safety.

History of the "Republic of Texas"

FORT DAVIS, Texas (AP)

Dec. 25, 1996 — McLaren, wanted on civil contempt charges, says he'll use force if necessary to resist summons issued by a federal judge.

Jan. 3, 1997 — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales says Republic may not hold a meeting it scheduled for the rotunda of the state Capitol.

Jan. 10 — A bill in the state Legislature targets false property liens filed by the group.

Jan. 23 — Gov. George W. Bush says the Republic's "paper war" constitutes an emergency.

Feb. 2 — Republic officials announce a split in the group for political and philosophical reasons.

March 3 — Republic "citizen" John Albert Crain files \$27 million lawsuit over three traffic tickets in San Angelo.

March 4 — Jeff Davis County Sheriff Steven Bailey sends a letter to McLaren, urging him to "take a small step back toward reality"

March 10 — Senate jurisprudence committee approves bill cracking down

on bogus liens.

March 12 — Morales wins a temporary restraining order prohibiting Republic from filing false liens.

March 13 — Bogus Lien bill clears state House.

March 19 — Senate passes lien bill.

March 24 — McLaren declares that more than half of New Mexico and parts of four other states belong to the Republic of Texas.

April 22 — Republic member Jo Ann Canady Turner is arrested in Austin for filing a fraudulent lien against a moving company and ignoring a court order to explain why she did it.

April 23 — Judge sets Turner's bond at \$25,000 and sets a May 27 court date.

April 27 — Republic members take two neighbors hostage. McLaren demands release of two group members "kidnapped" by authorities.

April 28 — After holding neighbors Joe and Margaret Ann Rowe hostage for more than 12 hours, Republic members release them in exchange for a group member

CALENDER

Fri 5/2/97

Spring Semester Classes End 10pm.
Symphonic Band Concert at 8pm in Steadman Theatre.

Baseball away at Ithaca at 3:30pm.

Quiet Hours begin 8pm

Last Zanzibar program of Spring æ97

at 10pm at The HUT.

Sat 5/3/97

Reading Period.

Baseball at home vs Shippensburg at 1pm.

Indoor/Outdoor Track away at Lock

Haven.

Sun 5/4/97

Reading Period.

Mon 5/5/97 through Thu 5/8/97

Final Exams

Fri 5/9/97

Residence Halls Close 10am.

Sat 5/10/97

Spring Commencement.

Indoor/Outdoor Track away at PSAC.